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Subject: Draft Council Decision establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Sweden in accordance with Article 9 of Decision (EU) 2015/1523 and Article 9 of Decision (EU) 2015/1601 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece
- Adoption

1. On 15 December 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Sweden in accordance with Article 9 of Council Decision (EU) 2015/1523 and Article 9 of Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece. This proposal responds to a formal request by Sweden, of 8 December 2015, for a suspension of its obligations under Council decisions (EU) 2015/1523 and (EU) 2015/1601.
2. The aim of the proposal is to suspend obligations of Sweden under the above-mentioned decisions for a period of one year, in order to help it to alleviate the significant pressure Sweden is confronted, taking into account the emergency situation characterised by a sudden inflow of nationals of third countries in its territory.

3. On 21-22 January 2016, the Asylum Working Party examined the proposal. Delegations expressed broad support for the text of the draft Council decision. On 3 February 2016, Coreper confirmed the agreement on the text of the draft Council decision.
 4. On 28 January 2016, the Council decided to consult the European Parliament on this proposal. The European Parliament delivered its opinion on 26 May 2016.
 5. On this basis, the Council is invited to adopt the Council decision establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Sweden in accordance with Article 9 of Decision (EU) 2015/1523 and Article 9 of Decision (EU) 2015/1601 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece, as revised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 5626/16.
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