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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: the Mixed Committee at Ministerial level

On: 20 May 2016

Subject: Outcome of proceedings of the meeting of the Mixed Committee at Ministerial level on 20 May 2016.

1. Migration

- Implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement, 18 March 2016
- Other recent developments
- = Exchange of views

Ministers held an exchange of views on the current migratory situation, including in particular the implementation of the EU-Turkey statement of 18 March and the migratory flows in Central Mediterranean. Participating States were invited to speed up the resettlement of Syrian refugees from Turkey in the framework of the 1:1 scheme. They were also urged to accelerate the relocation of asylum seekers from Greece and Italy, according to the Council decisions of September 2015.

2. Visa Policy

- = Exchange of views

The Mixed Committee at Ministerial level held a general debate on visa policy in the light of the Commission's recent proposals on visa liberalisation. Ministers stressed that visa requirements can only be lifted when previously agreed benchmarks are fulfilled.

The four proposals that are currently on the table (namely Georgia, Ukraine, Kosovo¹ and Turkey) would be examined further in the coming weeks in the relevant bodies of the Council. It was noted that the Council was expected to adopt later in the day a general approach on the proposed Regulation to reinforce the suspension mechanism, which provides that visa exemptions granted to third countries may be suspended in certain circumstances.

3. **European Border Guard:** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004, Regulation (EC) No 863/2007 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC
(First reading)

= Progress report

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The Mixed Committee at Ministerial level was briefed by the Presidency on the state of play regarding the proposed Regulation establishing a European Border Guard. The Presidency announced that a vote in the European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) was expected to take place on 30 May 2016, and that the Presidency was ready to start the interinstitutional negotiations soon afterwards. The Presidency's aim was for the two co-legislators to reach an agreement by the end of June, as requested by the European Council.

4. Any other business

- Ministerial Forum for Member States of the Schengen Area with External Land Borders, Szeged, Hungary, 12-13 May 2016

= Information from Hungary

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The Mixed Committee at Ministerial level took note of the information provided by Hungary regarding the above-mentioned event.

¹ This designation is without prejudice to position on status, and is in line with UN Security Council Resolution 1244/99 and the International Court of Justice Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence