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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Council Decision amending Decision (EU) 2015/1601 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece - Adoption

1. On 21 March 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision amending Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 of 22 September 2015 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece, the aim of which is to allow Member States to implement the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016 by using relocation places to admit to their territories Syrian nationals present in Turkey under national or multilateral legal admission schemes.
2. On 6 April 2016, the Council decided to consult the European Parliament on this proposal. The European Parliament delivered its opinion on 15 September 2016.
3. Following the examination at expert level, Coreper agreed on 21 June on the text of the draft Council Decision. The text has undergone legal linguistic revision, the result of which is set out in doc. 8330/1/16 REV 1 ASIM 60.

4. On this basis, Coreper is requested to confirm the agreement on the text of the draft Council Decision and to invite the Council to:
- adopt the Council Decision revised by the legal-linguistic experts, as set out in document 8330/1/16 REV 1 ASIM 60, and
 - decide to publish the Council Decision in the Official Journal.
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