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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: Draft COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION on the temporary suspension
of the relocation of 30% of applicants allocated to Austria under Decision
(EU) 2015/1601 establishing provisional measures in the area of
international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece

1. On 10 February 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for the abovementioned Council implementing Decision¹, in response to a formal request of Austria of 22 December 2015, in which Austria requested, pursuant to Article 4(5) of the Council decision (EU) 2015/1601, to benefit from a temporary suspension of the relocation of up to 30% of applicants allocated to it and from an extension of the time limit for relocating the applicants in the remaining allocation by 12 months beyond the date referred to in Article 13(2) of Council decision (EU) 2015/1601.
2. The aim of the proposal is to assist Austria in better coping with an emergency situation characterised by a sudden inflow of nationals of third countries in its territory by granting a temporary suspension of the relocation of up to 30% of applicants allocated to Austria under Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 for a period of one year.

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3. On 4 March 2016, the JHA Counsellors (Asylum) examined the Commission proposal. At this meeting and in the subsequent silence procedure, delegations expressed broad support for the text of the draft Council implementing decision.
4. On this basis, Coreper is requested to confirm the agreement on the text of the draft Council implementing decision and to invite the Council to:
 - adopt the Council implementing decision revised by the legal-linguistic experts, as set out in document 6715/16 ASIM 22, and
 - decide to publish the Council implementing decision in the Official Journal.