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Subject: MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS - JULY AND AUGUST 2015

This document lists the acts adopted by the Council in July and August 2015.^{1 2}

It provides information on the adoption of legislative acts, including:

- the date of adoption,
- the relevant Council session,
- the number of the document adopted,
- the Official Journal reference,
- applicable voting rules, voting results and, where appropriate, explanations of vote and statements published in the minutes of the Council.

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INFORMATION ON THE ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN JULY AND AUGUST 2015

Written procedure completed on 2 July 2015

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS

ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1066 of 2 July 2015 amending Decision 2013/183/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea OJ L 174, 3.7.2015, p. 25–27	10419/15
Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1065 of 2 July 2015 amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) OJ L 174, 3.7.2015, p. 23–24	9111/15
Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1064 of 2 July 2015 amending Decision 2013/354/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) OJ L 174, 3.7.2015, p. 21–22	8974/15

Written procedure completed on 3 July 2015

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS

ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2015, including the second instalment for 2015	10257/15

Written procedure completed on 7 July 2015	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1099 of 7 July 2015 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran OJ L 180, 8.7.2015, p. 4–5	10600/15
Written procedure completed on 9 July 2015	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1118 of 9 July 2015 implementing Decision 2015/740/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in South Sudan OJ L 182, 10.7.2015, p. 31–38	10561/15
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1112 of 9 July 2015 implementing Articles 20(1) and 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/735 concerning restrictive measures in respect of the situation in South Sudan OJ L 182, 10.7.2015, p. 2–9	10562/15
Written procedure completed on 10 July 2015	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1130 of 10 July 2015 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran OJ L 184, 11.7.2015, p. 18–19	10686/15

3402nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES) held in Brussels on 13 July 2015

LEGISLATIVE ACTS

ACT	DOCUMENT	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Position (EU) No 12/2015 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1343/2011 on certain provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area. Adopted by the Council on 13 July 2015 OJ C 326, 2.10.2015, p. 1–11	8806/15	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour, except: Abstention: UK

Statements by the CommissionFinal date for use of ROVs

With regards to the final date of 31/12/2015, agreed by the European Parliament and the Council for authorised use of Remotely Operated underwater Vehicles (so called "ROVs") for observation and prospection of red coral, the Commission takes note of the decision of the co-legislators to interpret the words "until 2015" in paragraph a) of recommendation GFCM/35/2011/2, as "until 31 December 2015", thus deviating substantially from the Commission's proposal to consider only the time period before 2015, until 31 December 2014.

Having already stressed that, by their nature, derogations can only be temporary, the Commission recalls that also the FAO Legal Service had expressed the view that only the time limit before 2015 should be considered. In the light of this, the Commission will assess if appropriate initiatives need to be taken in order to clarify the Union's position on the issue of ROVs within the GFCM.

Transitional national measures

The Commission takes note of the decision of the European Parliament and the Council to allow Member States to keep existing derogations related to red coral harvesting without any time limit, and to provide for new derogations to be granted during a transitional period again without clear cut-off date.

The Commission considers that, by their nature, derogations and/or transitional measures can only be temporary and that the unlimited exceptional regimes agreed between the co-legislators may put the Union in a position where it is not able to ensure that its international obligations towards the GFCM are fully respected.

In the event that the above mentioned risks should materialize, the Commission will submit proposals for appropriate measures in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Treaty.

In any event, the Commission emphasises that any decision in this case will not prejudice the Commission position in relation to other rules on derogations and/or transitional regimes.

Directive (EU) 2015/1513 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 amending Directive 98/70/EC relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and amending Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 239, 15.9.2015, p. 1–29	28/15	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour, except: Abstention: CZ
Statement of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands			
The UK and the Netherlands Governments welcome the efforts of the previous Latvian presidency in reaching a compromise between the institutions that allowed for the conclusion of the ILUC negotiations. However, we regret that measures to promote the most sustainable advanced biofuels in a cost effective manner, through double counting their contribution to the overall RED targets, were not included in the final compromise.			
Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 241, 17.9.2015, p. 1–15	8/15	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour.
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS			
ACT		DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS	
Council Decision (EU) 2015/1339 of 13 July 2015 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder OJ L 207, 4.8.2015, p. 1–5		10400/14	

<p>Council Decision (EU) 2015/1340 of 13 July 2015 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change OJ L 207, 4.8.2015, p. 15–16</p>	10883/14
<p>Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1588 of 13 July 2015 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to certain categories of horizontal State aid (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 248, 24.9.2015, p. 1–8</p>	8282/15
<p>Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1589 of 13 July 2015 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 248, 24.9.2015, p. 9–29</p>	8284/15
<p>Decision (EU) 2015/1477 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 July 2015 on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application from Finland — EGF/2015/001 FI/Broadcom) OJ L 225, 28.8.2015, p. 14–15</p>	9952/15
<p>Council Decision (EU) 2015/1289 of 13 July 2015 imposing a fine on Spain for the manipulation of deficit data in the Autonomous Community of Valencia OJ L 198, 28.7.2015, p. 19–21</p>	10297/15

Council Decision (EU) 2015/1198 of 13 July 2015 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Principality of Andorra as regards the replacement of the Appendix to the Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation OJ L 194, 22.7.2015, p. 1–41	9477/15
Council Decision (EU) 2015/1156 of 13 July 2015 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement (Batteries and Accumulators) OJ L 187, 15.7.2015, p. 24–27	8589/15
Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1141 of 13 July 2015 amending Decision 2012/392/CFSP on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) OJ L 185, 14.7.2015, p. 18–19	9675/15
Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1142 of 13 July 2015 implementing Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Belarus OJ L 185, 14.7.2015, p. 20–22	8729/15
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1133 of 13 July 2015 implementing Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus OJ L 185, 14.7.2015, p. 1–3	8730/15
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Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Austria and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Austria OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 87–90	9254/15

Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of the Czech Republic and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Convergence Programme of the Czech Republic OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 32–35	9233/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Finland and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Finland OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 14–17	9262/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Hungary and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Convergence Programme of Hungary OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 76–79	9251/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of the United Kingdom and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Convergence Programme of the United Kingdom OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 21–23	9265/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Estonia and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Estonia OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 39–41	9236/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Poland and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Convergence Programme of Poland OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 91–93	9255/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of the Netherlands and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of the Netherlands OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 83–86	9253/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Italy and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Italy OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 61–65	9246/15

Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Latvia and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Latvia OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 66–69	9248/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Romania and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Convergence Programme of Romania OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 1–5	9259/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Ireland and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Ireland OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 42–45	9237/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of France and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of France OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 51–55	9244/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Lithuania and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Lithuania OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 70–72	9249/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Bulgaria and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Convergence Programme of Bulgaria OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 28–31	9232/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Spain and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Spain OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 46–50	9243/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Slovenia and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Slovenia OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 6–9	9260/15

Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Croatia and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Convergence Programme of Croatia OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 56–60	9245/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Belgium and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Belgium OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 24–27	9231/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Portugal and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Portugal OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 94–97	9258/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Luxembourg and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Luxembourg OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 73–75	9250/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Malta and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Malta OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 80–82	9252/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Slovakia and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Slovakia OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 10–13	9261/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Denmark and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Convergence Programme of Denmark OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 36–38	9234/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Sweden and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Convergence Programme of Sweden OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 18–20	9263/15

Council recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the 2015 National Reform Programme of Germany and delivering a Council opinion on the 2015 Stability Programme of Germany OJ C 271, 18.8.2015, p. 1–4	9235/15
Council Recommendation of 14 July 2015 on the implementation of the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States whose currency is the euro OJ C 272, 18.8.2015, p. 98–100	9230/15
Council Recommendation (EU) 2015/1184 of 14 July 2015 on broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States and of the European Union OJ L 192, 18.7.2015, p. 27–31	9542/15
Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1208 of 14 July 2015 amending Implementing Decision 2013/463/EU on approving the macroeconomic adjustment programme for Cyprus OJ L 196, 24.7.2015, p. 10–13	10052/15
Council Decision (EU) 2015/1174 of 14 July 2015 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditor of Banka Slovenije OJ L 189, 17.7.2015, p. 38–38	10295/15
Council Decision on the resolution procedure	10746/15
Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1173 of 14 July 2015 amending Decision 2009/790/EC authorising the Republic of Poland to apply a measure derogating from Article 287 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax OJ L 189, 17.7.2015, p. 36–37	10230/15
Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1401 of 14 July 2015 authorising Italy to introduce a special measure derogating from Articles 206 and 226 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax OJ L 217, 18.8.2015, p. 7–8	10231/15

Council Decision (EU) 2015/1157 of 14 July 2015 determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee OJ L 187, 15.7.2015, p. 28–29	9754/15
Joint statement by German, French and the United Kingdom	
Germany, France and the United Kingdom support the agreement concerning the Council's decision, determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee. Germany, France and the United Kingdom do however recall that they consider the current allocation of the number of seats per Member State not to be fully satisfactory, particularly given the demographic criterion explicitly provided for by Article 300(5) of the TFEU. Accordingly, Germany, France and the United Kingdom would like to emphasize that meticulous examination of this issue will need to take place ahead of the Committee's renewal in 2020, so as to better take into account the criteria set by the treaties and particularly that of demographic developments. Lastly, it is important to recall that this decision concerns only the European Economic and Social Committee and cannot set a precedent for other EU institutions.	
Written procedure completed on 14 July 2015	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1148 of 14 July 2015 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran OJ L 186, 14.7.2015, p. 2–3	10792/15
Written procedure completed on 17 July 2015	
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Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1181 of 17 July 2015 on granting short-term Union financial assistance to Greece OJ L 192, 18.7.2015, p. 15–18	10991/15

Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1182 of 17 July 2015 approving the adjustment programme of Greece OJ L 192, 18.7.2015, p. 19–19	10992/15
Joint declaration by the Commission and the Council on the use of the EFSM	
The Commission and the Council agree that any future use of the EFSM Regulation or any other instrument of a similar nature, for the purpose of safeguarding the financial stability of a Member State whose currency is the euro, will be made conditional upon arrangements (via collateral, guarantees or equivalent measures) being in place which ensure that no financial (direct or indirect) liability will be incurred by the Member States which do not participate in the single currency. In order to reflect this principle, the Commission will make a proposal for the appropriate changes to the EFSM Regulation as soon as possible, which shall be agreed in any case before any other proposal for support under the EFSM Regulation is brought forward. Moreover, the Commission commits not bringing forward any proposal for the use of the EFSM without a mechanism for the protection of the Member States whose currency is not the euro being assured.	
3404th meeting of the Council of the European Union (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 20 July 2015	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
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Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part, as regards the replacement of Protocol 4 to that Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol which, as regards the rules of origin, refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin	8417/15
Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, as regards the replacement of Protocol 4 to that Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol which, as regards the rules of origin, refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin	8404/15

<p>Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, as regards the replacement of Protocol 3 to that Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol which, as regards the rules of origin, refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin</p>	8421/15
<p>Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Association Agreement on trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, of the other part, as regards the replacement of Protocol 3 to that Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol which, as regards the rules of origin, refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin</p>	8452/15
<p>Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, as regards the replacement of Protocol 4 to that Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol which, as regards the rules of origin, refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin</p>	8426/15
<p>Council Conclusions on Energy Diplomacy</p>	10993/15

Council Conclusions on Afghanistan	10734/15
Council Conclusions on Pakistan	10737/15
Council Decision (EU) 2015/1294 of 20 July 2015 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union OJ L 199, 29.7.2015, p. 6–7	7657/15
Council Decision (EU) 2015/1211 of 20 July 2015 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the World Trade Organization OJ L 196, 24.7.2015, p. 16–17	10481/15
<p>Statement by Ireland</p> <p>The provisions relating to the temporary presence of natural persons for business purposes included in the (above) Decision(s) only bind Ireland as part of the Union where it has notified its wish to participate in the above Decision(s) in accordance with Protocol No.21 on the position of Ireland and the United Kingdom in respect of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice. Ireland will ensure that the temporary presence of natural persons for business purposes is allowed in accordance with those provisions.</p>	
<p>Statement by the United Kingdom</p> <p>The provisions relating to the temporary presence of natural persons for business purposes included in the above Decision only bind the United Kingdom as part of the Union where it has notified its wish to participate in the above Decision in accordance with Protocol No.21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice.</p>	

Statement by the Commission

The Commission welcomes the adoption of the Council Decision establishing the EU position in favour of the accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The Commission notes that it is proposed that a Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council be adopted on this accession by common accord as regards the position of the Member States in the WTO. The Commission notes that it would have been possible to adopt an EU decision which would have rendered such a separate decision unnecessary.

Council Decision (EU) 2015/1293 of 20 July 2015 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the European Convention on the legal protection of services based on, or consisting of, conditional access
OJ L 199, 29.7.2015, p. 3–5

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Statement by France, the Netherlands and Romania

Taking into account that their withdrawal from the Convention of the Council of Europe on the legal protection of services based on, or consisting of, conditional access would in particular impede the implementation of certain provisions of the above mentioned Convention, France, the Netherlands and Romania are willing to remain parties to the Convention.

It is our understanding that we will remain parties to the Convention notwithstanding Article 3.1 e) TFEU. Moreover, we expect that any question regarding the implementation of the above mentioned provisions of the Convention will be discussed in full compliance with the EU internal procedures.

Statement by the Commission

The Commission takes note of the declaration of the Netherlands, France and Romania and underlines its temporary nature. The Commission expects that the Netherlands, France and Romania will withdraw from the Convention as soon as EU's voting right modalities in application of Article 9 and Article 10(3) of the Convention are implemented on the basis of EU's exclusive competence.

Council Conclusions on the Central African Republic

10779/15

Council Conclusions on Mali

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Council Conclusions on climate diplomacy	10899/15
Council Conclusions relating to the review of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP on arms exports and the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)	10671/15
Council Decision (EU) 2015/1292 of 20 July 2015 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union OJ L 199, 29.7.2015, p. 1–2	10931/15
Council Conclusions on migration	10986/15
Council Conclusions on the agreement on Iran's nuclear programme	11084/15
Council Conclusions on Tunisia	11076/15
Council Conclusions on the Middle East Peace process	11075/15
Council Conclusions on the Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2015 - 2019	10987/15

Statement by France

France endorses the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy, which represents the culmination of important and essential work intended to enhance the effectiveness, consistency and visibility of the European Union's external action in these areas, in particular through the better use of financial and other instruments for this purpose. France wishes to make the following clarifications regarding points 16(d) and 17(c) of the Action Plan. France, with its commitment to the principle of equality between all individuals, supports any step to guarantee indigenous people full enjoyment of fundamental rights. Referring to the interpretative declaration made at the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, France would note, however, that under the constitutional principles of the indivisibility of the Republic and the unity of the people of France, France grants no collective right to any group whatsoever, defined by a community of origin, culture, language or belief. Human rights are universal rights which are intended to apply to all persons, without distinction. France remains committed to ensuring that each individual can fully and effectively enjoy these fundamental rights, without any discrimination.

Statement by the United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is pleased to indicate its support for the Council Conclusions on the Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2015 – 2019. The United Kingdom joins the other Member States in voicing its commitment to shared principles and values. It recalls that the Union shall respect the national identities of Member States, inherent in their fundamental structures, political and constitutional. The United Kingdom also recalls that the Action Plan covers relevant human rights aspects of the European Union's external action, and does not affect the division of competence between the EU and its Member States. The United Kingdom will promote and protect universal human rights around the world in ways which are most effective in their local context. While the UK supports the appropriate promotion of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights internationally, it has not for example ratified the Optional Protocol to the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and has no plans to do so.

3405th meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 20 July 2015

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS

ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
Conclusions of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on resettling through multilateral and national schemes 20 000 persons in clear need of international protection	11130/15
<p>Statement by Germany and France</p> <p>France and Germany are ready to take all their part in welcoming refugees who are fleeing persecutions, particularly from Syria, Iraq or Eritrea. Building on the initial proposition of the European Commission, France will welcome, over a period of 2 years, 6 752 people in clear need of protection from the relocation mechanism and 2 375 from the resettlement programme. Germany will welcome up to 10 500 persons from the relocation programme, over a period of 2 years and 1 600 persons from the resettlement programme.</p> <p>France and Germany support the relocation programme, and particularly recall that solidarity and responsibility are closely interlinked. In this regard, the importance of the following agreed conditions shall particularly be stressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– All EU member states concerned by these programmes shall take part in them, in order to have a balanced distribution of the effort;– At the same time as the relocation decision enters into force, the “hot spots including national reception facilities (waiting zones) located close to the arriving points in the Member states of first entry, should be set up. Within the “hot spots”, the coordination between the EU Regional Task Force (EURTF), the operational expert teams and the front line Member States for the relocation has to be established, enabling to identify and register migrants in the Eurodac basis, and make the necessary distinction between asylum applicants fleeing persecutions and who will be relocated among Member states, and illegal migrants not asking for asylum or whose application has been rejected, who need to be returned in their home country;– The European Commission and all Member States take all measures to avoid secondary movements of relocated persons and the member state of relocation readmits the relocated person immediately upon request by the other Member State.– The EU should also continue to act decisively against illegal immigration, including by dismantling smugglers’ networks and by ensuring the return of illegal migrants in their home countries;– The welcoming of refugees for the resettlement and the relocation programmes should be rolled out over a period of 2 years, in order to guarantee the sustainability of these operations. <p>France and Germany will pay close attention to the respect of these conditions that are essential to the necessary balance between responsibility and solidarity needed in order to face the current migration crisis.</p>	

Statement by Denmark

Resettlement to Denmark of approximately 500 refugees in 2015 is based on an existing national resettlement scheme, containing criteria and conditions agreed upon between Denmark and UNHCR. The possible resettlement of approximately 500 refugees in 2016 under the existing national scheme is pending the outcome of national decision making procedures.

Statement by Hungary

Besides the implementation of its national resettlement programme for 2015, taking into account of the specific situation underlined in the Conclusions of the European Council of 25-26 June and in the Conclusions of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council and bearing in mind the current enormous pressures on its asylum and migration system for the time being Hungary is not able to propose additional number of resettlement places.

Statement by the United Kingdom

Resettlement to the UK will be under existing national schemes. This figure is purely indicative based on projections of current resettlement activity. It is not a hard target as some resettlement schemes are based on need, not quota.

Statement by Liechtenstein

'The Principality of Liechtenstein hereby declares its willingness to participate on a voluntary basis in the resettlement scheme of the European Union as set forth in the Conclusions of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States adopted the Home Affairs Council meeting of the 20th July 2015 and providing for the resettlement of 20 000 displaced persons in clear need of international protection, and to do so through its national programme for the resettlement of 20 Syrian nationals to the territory of the Principality of Liechtenstein.

In the light of humanitarian solidarity and given the urgency of the current situation, the Principality of Liechtenstein already started the resettlement process and will be able to conclude its respective efforts in 2015.'

Statement by Norway

Norway will offer resettlement for 3 500 persons displaced by the conflict in Syria until the end of 2016 500 persons will be resettled for the remainder of 2015, over and above offers already made to other persons in need of international protection. 3 000 will be offered resettlement in 2016. For the latter the formal Parliamentary decision has yet to be made. The actual resettlement will be carried out within the regular Norwegian resettlement scheme, and based on referrals by UNHCR.

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<p>Statement by Austria</p> <p>Austria supports this resolution, but is itself confronted with disproportionately high pressure on its asylum system. Owing to this extremely difficult situation and the disproportionate commitment in the area of resettlement, Austria can receive persons who are in clear need of international protection in the context of relocation from Greece and Italy only if or when this difficult situation no longer exists.</p>	
<p>Statement by the Czech Republic</p> <p>The Czech Republic declares that the proposed relocation scheme is temporary, exceptional and the participation to it of the Czech Republic is voluntary. The proposed scheme should not introduce a new systemic aspect to the Common European Asylum System. Should there be any discussions in the future on a possible permanent relocation scheme, these should take place only after the functioning of the proposed temporary scheme is thoroughly assessed, including the aspects of secondary movements, impact on the relocated persons and Member States of relocation and its overall added value to the general functioning of the EU’s migration management. Compliance with the principle of proportionality must be thoroughly examined.</p> <p>The Czech Republic believes that the implementation of the Council Decision establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece should be ruled by the inseparability of the aspect of solidarity and the aspect of responsibility of Member States in the field of migration management.</p> <p>In this regard, the Czech Republic further declares that relocation transfers from Greece and Italy are subject to tangible results of those particular Member States as regards registration, identification and fingerprinting of migrants as well as progress in returns of illegal migrants who do not qualify for international protection, including with the assistance resulting from the implementation of the “hotspots” concept.</p> <p>The Czech Republic finally states that it considers the issue of internal security a crucial part of the EU’s migration management. Taking this into account, all possibilities provided by the Council Decision should be made full use of in the relocation procedure, including on-site screening by liaison officers of Member States of relocation.</p>	

Statement by Germany and France

France and Germany are ready to take all their part in welcoming refugees who are fleeing persecutions, particularly from Syria, Iraq or Eritrea. Building on the initial proposition of the European Commission, France will welcome, over a period of 2 years, 6 752 people in clear need of protection from the relocation mechanism and 2 375 from the resettlement programme. Germany will welcome up to 10 500 persons from the relocation programme, over a period of 2 years and 1 600 persons from the resettlement programme.

France and Germany support the relocation programme, and particularly recall that solidarity and responsibility are closely interlinked. In this regard, the importance of the following agreed conditions shall particularly be stressed:

- All EU Member States concerned by these programmes shall take part in them, in order to have a balanced distribution of the effort;
- At the same time as the relocation decision enters into force, the “hot spots including national reception facilities (waiting zones) located close to the arriving points in the Member States of first entry, should be set up. Within the “hot spots”, the coordination between the EU Regional Task Force (EURTF), the operational expert teams and the front line Member States for the relocation has to be established, enabling to identify and register migrants in the Eurodac basis, and make the necessary distinction between asylum applicants fleeing persecutions and who will be relocated among Member States, and illegal migrants not asking for asylum or whose application has been rejected, who need to be returned in their home country;
- The European Commission and all Member States take all measures to avoid secondary movements of relocated persons and the member state of relocation readmits the relocated person immediately upon request by the other Member State.
- The EU should also continue to act decisively against illegal immigration, including by dismantling smugglers’ networks and by ensuring the return of illegal migrants in their home countries;
- The welcoming of refugees for the resettlement and the relocation programmes should be rolled out over a period of 2 years, in order to guarantee the sustainability of these operations.

France and Germany will pay close attention to the respect of these conditions that are essential to the necessary balance between responsibility and solidarity needed in order to face the current migration crisis.

Statement by Greece

Recalling the European Council Conclusions of June 25-26, 2015, with regard to the reinforcement of internal solidarity and responsibility in relation to increasing emergency aid to frontline Member States and to stepping up its efforts in this area towards Member States which receive the highest number of refugees and applicants for international protection, Greece wishes to make clear that it is bound by the text of the COUNCIL DECISION establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece of July 20, 2015 and the Resolution of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on relocating from Greece and Italy 40 000 persons in clear need of international protection and its annex of July 20, 2015 as they stand, without any reservation.

Greece also declares that the implementation of the

Conclusions of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on resettling through multilateral and national schemes 20 000 persons in clear need of international protection of July 20, 2015 is conditional upon full and unreserved implementation of the COUNCIL DECISION establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece of July 20, 2015 and the Resolution of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on relocating from Greece and Italy 40 000 persons in clear need of international protection of July 20, 2015.

Statement by the Netherlands

The current migratory pressure on Italy and Greece requires a concrete demonstration of solidarity from all Member States. The Netherlands is therefore willing to make a sizeable contribution to the relocation of asylum applicants from Italy and Greece in line with the original proposal of the European Commission, while emphasising that solidarity must go hand in hand with responsibility. In this light, the Netherlands attaches particular importance to the contributions of other Member States to the relocation mechanism as well as the fulfilment by Italy and Greece of their obligations under the common European asylum system. Insufficient results with regard to these aspects may lead to reconsideration of the stated commitment of the Netherlands.

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