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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: the Mixed Committee at Ministerial level
On: 21 April 2016
Subject: Outcome of proceedings of the meeting of the Mixed Committee at Ministerial level on 21 April 2016

1. **Migration: follow-up to the European Council and future actions**
= **Exchange of views**

Ministers held an exchange of views on the current migratory situation. They examined in particular the state of play of the implementation of the measures already taken by the European Council and Council at their recent meetings, including possible measures that need to be taken to rapidly stem the flows, protect EU external borders, reduce illegal migration, safeguard the integrity of the Schengen area and reduce the negative humanitarian consequences of the current migratory situation.

Ministers reaffirmed the need to speed up the implementation of the EU-Turkey statement of 18 March and in particular the resettlement of Syrian refugees from Turkey in the framework of the 1:1 scheme. Member States were also invited to accelerate the relocation of asylum seekers from Greece and Italy, according to the Council decisions of September 2015.

Furthermore, Ministers agreed to keep under close monitoring the possible opening of new migratory routes. Particular attention should be paid to the evolution of the situation in Central Mediterranean, which should be kept under very close monitoring in order to avoid a major crisis.

2. European Border and Coast 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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Ministers were debriefed about the progress achieved on the draft Regulation since the March Council meeting. The President focused in particular on the mandate given by the Committee on 6 April to start negotiations with the European Parliament as soon as the latter adopts its position, with a view to reaching a political agreement by the end of June 2016.

Ministers also agreed on the issues, on which, by way of priority, preparations by Frontex and the Commission for their implementation should start before the adoption of the future Regulation.

3. IT systems for Security and Borders

a) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - Stronger and Smarter Information Systems for Borders and Security

Ministers took note of the Commission Communication "Stronger and Smarter Information Systems for Borders and Security".

Ministers discussed actions for improving the information exchange and will revert to this topic at the JHA Council on 9 and 10 June with a view to agreeing on a roadmap presenting actions/requirements for an integrated European information architecture, including interoperability in the Justice and Home Affairs domain, covering migration, security/counter-terrorism and borders. This roadmap would include short, medium and long-term actions.

- b) **Smart Borders Package**
- i) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data and refusal of entry data of third country nationals crossing the external borders of Member States of the European Union and determining the conditions for access to the EES for law enforcement purposes and amending Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 and Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011(First reading)**
 - ii) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 2016/399 as regards the use of the Entry/Exit System (First reading)**
- = **Policy debate**
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Ministers welcomed the Smart Borders Package proposals presented by the Commission. Delegations were in particular satisfied with the provision of access to the EES databases for law enforcement purposes, as well as the interoperability between the EES and the VIS.

Ministers were informed that the competent Working Party had already started the examination of the EES proposal and that both the Netherlands and Slovakian Presidencies had planned to work very intensely on the two proposals composing the package, with a view to reaching a political agreement by the end of 2016.

4. **Any other business**

No items were raised under this heading.