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Delegations will find enclosed the Annotated agenda of the Meeting of the Working Party on External Aspects of Asylum and Migration (EMWP) to be held on 15 July 2026.

Meeting of the Working Party on External Aspects of Asylum and Migration (EMWP)

15 July 2026

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Migratory and displacement situation in Sudan [10.00 – 12.00]

The aim of this item is to allow delegations to receive an update on the overall situation in Sudan.

The crisis in the country, which has entered its fourth year, shows few signs of a peaceful resolution. Since April 2023, the conflict has resulted in the loss of life of at least 150,000 people. Taking into account the numbers of forcibly displaced people before the eruption of the conflict, over 14.5 million Sudanese are forcibly displaced, including an estimated 9 million IDPs. 4.6 million Sudanese were displaced outside the country. An estimated 33.7 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance. Sudan is considered to be the worst humanitarian and protection crisis internationally.

Growing numbers of Sudanese are arriving in Europe, principally through the Eastern Mediterranean route, where in 2026 (up to 28 June) they represented 21% of the total of the irregular border crossings to the EU along the route. During the same period, a total of 10 518 asylum applications were lodged by Sudanese: mainly in France (38%) and Greece (33%).

The item will start with a presentation by the representatives of UNHCR and IOM on their relevant operations and humanitarian actions in Sudan and in neighbouring countries, with a particular focus on challenges and achievements of their work on the ground. Delegations will be invited to engage in Q&A with the UNHCR and IOM representatives.

The Chair will then present the Presidency background paper set out in doc 11193/26 (to be issued). The Commission and the EEAS will thereafter be invited to provide their assessment of the situation in the country.

Delegations will finally be invited to share their views based on the questions set out in the Presidency paper.

3. Update on the state of play of external cooperation in the field of migration policy [12.00 – 13.15]

The Commission and the EEAS have been invited to produce their biannual report on the last state of play and the latest steps taken of their outreach on external cooperation in the field of migration policy set out in doc 11194/26 (to be issued). The report has been revised with a view to adapting it to the new priorities and needs in the field of that policy and streamlined to make it more readable. At the meeting, they will highlight important recent developments and meetings with strategic third countries.

Delegations are invited to express their views and provide an update on their activities and cooperation in the field of migration and/or ask questions. It is encouraged to focus the delegations' updates on current opportunities and challenges in the cooperation with the country, as well as the situation in the country.

Finally, delegations will be invited to express their views on the revised version of the report set out in doc 11194/26 as well as on the future revisions of that report from the Commission and the EEAS. The Presidency would like to hear the delegations' view on the possibility to have the new updated table only once per year, instead of twice per year, given that the Commission already provides regular country- and region-specific updates to the EMWP and MOCADDEM.

Lunch break [13.15 – 14.45]

4. Human rights-based approach to migration [14.45 – 16.15]

This item aims at taking stock of progress since the last discussion on the topic on 11 September 2025 and at underscoring the fundamental principle of upholding/safeguarding human rights in the EU's actions on migration. This entails concrete implementation of the human rights-based approach standards as a key part of EU engagement with third countries on migration and also provides legitimacy to the EU's work in this area. This approach is fundamental to the human rights-compliant implementation of EU and national migration policies.

The item will start with a presentation by a representative from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on their work to ensure human rights are upheld in connection with the implementation of migration-related projects. Delegations will be invited to engage in Q&A with the OHCHR representative.

The Chair will present the Presidency background paper (11195/26 – to be issued), which will guide the discussion. The Commission and the EEAS will thereafter be invited to provide any comments they might have.

Delegations will finally be invited to share their views based on the questions set out in the Presidency paper. Delegates of COHOM are invited to participate to the discussions.

5. Annual report on cooperation between Frontex and third countries in 2025 [16.15 – 17.15]

Pursuant to Article 73(7) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation (2019/1896), Frontex has issued its report on: “Cooperation between Frontex and third countries in 2025” (published on the Frontex webpage, with the following link: [Cooperation between Frontex and third countries in 2025](#)).

The representative of Frontex will be invited to present the outcomes of the report, focusing on their main activities in the external dimension and key achievements in relation to the cooperation with third countries.

The Commission and the EEAS will be invited to present any comments they might have in this regard. Delegations will then express their views and/or ask questions.

6. AOB [17.15 – 17.45]

a) Prague Process Ministerial Conference in January 2027

The Czech delegation will report on the state of play.

b) Action Plan on the Channel Route

The Commission will present the new action plan.

c) Mission Commissioners Brunner and Kos as well as HRVP Kallas to Türkiye on 29-30 June

The Commission will debrief on the outcome of the mission as regards the migration issues.