



THE SENATE
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

delivered on the 12th meeting held on 23rd September 2015

on the current proposals of the European Commission addressing the migration crisis in the EU

The Senate

1. Will scrutinize thoroughly

the current proposals of the European Commission addressing the migration crisis in the EU, notably

- the Proposal for a Council Decision establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy, Greece and Hungary;
- the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a crisis relocation mechanism and amending Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third country national or a stateless person;
- the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an EU common list of safe countries of origin for the purposes of Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection, and amending Directive 2013/32/EU;
- the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council EU Action Plan on return;
- the Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council Addressing the Refugee Crisis in Europe: The Role of EU External Action;

2. However, considers it appropriate

to formulate its preliminary position on those proposals given the dynamic of the negotiations at the European level;

3. Maintains

its objections to the plans to introduce relocation mechanisms that would be mandatory for the Member States and the persons concerned that were raised

in detail in its Resolution No. 161 of 18th June 2015 on the Proposal for a Council decision establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece (Senate Print no. J 023/10);

4. Therefore, reiterates its support

to the position of the Government of the Czech Republic rejecting the relocation mechanisms that would be mandatory for the Member States as such measures do not deal with the causes of the current migration, may rather result in its intensification and do not address the issue of secondary movement of relocated persons in an effective manner;

5. Welcomes

that the Commission is now paying more attention to the return policy and to cooperation with third countries within the EU external action, which the Czech Republic has been emphasising since the very beginning of the debate as an integral part of the solution; notes, however, that the implementation of the Commission's proposals from May 2015 is still pending (for example the concept of "hotspots", i.e. centres for incoming migrants in the frontline Member States in which the identification and registration of migrants would be ensured with the help of relevant EU agencies, and the first steps towards granting international protection to those in clear need of it would be taken);

6. Points out

that the Czech Republic has, in the spirit of solidarity, been contributing to the solution of the situation, among other things, by duly processing the asylum claims lodged on its territory, by the resettlement of people in danger from the Middle East, by the planned relocation of international protection seekers from Italy and Greece on a voluntary basis that has been agreed at the European level, and by financial and material assistance under the bilateral cooperation; it is, however, essential that the common rules be adhered to and enforced by all the Member States;

7. Calls on the Government,

given the deteriorating situation, to further scale up its direct solidarity assistance to the EU Member States and third countries that are most affected by the current migration crisis;

8. Warns

that grappling with the consequences of the migration crisis may not constitute a reason for failing to adhere to the European directives and regulations and to the legislation of the Member States currently in force;

9. Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

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President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier