

Decision

of the Bundesrat

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

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At its 937th session on 16 October 2015, the Bundesrat adopted the following position pursuant to Sections 3 and 5 EUZBLG (Act on Cooperation between the Federation and the Länder in European Union Affairs):

1. The Bundesrat welcomes the Commission's desire to extend the Dublin III Regulation establishing a crisis relocation mechanism. The relocation of persons in clear need of international protection makes it possible to respond in a spirit of European solidarity to situations in individual Member States where even a well-prepared and efficient asylum system comes under extraordinary pressure. This is the case especially when there is an enormous influx of persons seeking international protection into one or more Member States.
2. The Bundesrat expressly supports the aim of the proposed mechanism to ensure, in situations of crisis, on the one hand a fair sharing of responsibilities between Member States for large numbers of applicants in clear need of international protection, and on the other the proper application of the Dublin system.
3. The Bundesrat recognises that the Commission is giving prominence to the prevention of secondary migration as an important part of the relocation mechanism in order to ensure the proper functioning and effectiveness of the system in practice.
4. However, it would point out that the measures outlined by the Commission for the

prevention of secondary migration are insufficient. In its view, more far-reaching and effective measures are needed.

5. The Bundesrat is submitting this opinion directly to the Commission.