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**Opinion
of the Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee
of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
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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1. The Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee (FEUAC) does not deny the need to search for a solution to the European migration crisis at the European Union level.
2. The FEUAC supports, among other things, the proposals to increase sanctions against migrants who avoid submitting to procedures in force, and to simplify and accelerate the procedures.
3. The FEUAC opposes the corrective allocation mechanism proposed by the Commission for persons seeking international protection in EU Member States.
4. The FEUAC does not support the limitation of the reference key to the total GDP and the size of the population only. The FEUAC believes that it is necessary to take into account other factors, such as reception and integration capacity of a given state.
5. The FEUAC is against the proposed financial solidarity mechanism triggered off if migrants are not admitted. It is not clear how the Commission has calculated the amount of EUR 250,000 per rejected migrant. For the FEUAC this instrument is a penalty imposed on states which refuse to admit migrants, while it does not actually support the remaining states.
6. The FEUAC believes that the proposed rules are insufficient to address the migration crisis, and further work should be conducted to find a solution based on a wider range of tools to deal with the migration crisis, such as increased participation in operational border support, financial contribution or expert support for third states.