

The Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for European Affairs

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Resolution

of the Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for European Affairs

of 25 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 (COM(2015)286)

The Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for European Affairs

A. takes note

of the proposal for the Council decision establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece;

B. authorises

The Chairman of the Committee

to inform the European Parliament, European Commission, and the Council of the European Union, in the context of a political dialogue, about the position of the National Council of the Slovak Republic toward migration, as stated in the Declaration of the National Council of the Slovak Republic on solving migration challenges currently faced by the European Union.

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Declaration of the National Council of the Slovak Republic On Solving Migration Challenges Currently Faced by the European Union

National Council of the Slovak Republic

A. expresses

a deep concern and regret over the tragic situation of migrants in the Mediterranean coming into the European Union;

B. strongly condemns

the abuse of the topic of migration on fomenting violence, racism and xenophobia;

C. highlights

the need for solidarity with the Member States of the European Union in addressing the current migratory pressure, as well as the need of responsibility for taking measures to protect the common external borders of the European Union;

D. declares

readiness of the Slovak Republic to assist in resolving this humanitarian crisis however, it insists on the voluntary nature of individual contributions by the Member States for resettlement and relocation programs in accordance with the declaration adopted at the special meeting of the European Council on 23 April 2015, within the possibilities and capacities of the individual Member States:

E. rejects

the introduction of mandatory quotas as a non-systemic solutions to resettlement or relocation of migrants, as well as any questioning of the fundamental pillar of the Schengen system, i.e. the principle of free movement of persons;

F. notes

that it is important, within identifying the measures, to ensure geographical balance as well as to reflect on potential security risks, taking into the account cultural, historical and socio-economic particulars of each Member State:

G. reminds

the importance of considering and fully utilizing the existing mechanisms to ensure proper protection of the external borders of the European Union;

H. underlines

the need to strengthen the policy of return and readmission in order to discourage further illegal migrants;

I. appeals

to the European Union institutions on comprehensive, systemic and sustainable solution of the situation in the Mediterranean with an emphasis on eliminating the causes of migration in partnership with countries of the migration and transit origin; including poverty eradication, combating smuggling and human trafficking.