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Subject: Implementation of Council decisions on the relocation of 160 000 asylum seekers from Italy and Greece

Two decisions to relocate a total of 160 000 asylum seekers from Greece and Italy to other Member States were adopted during the extraordinary JHA Council meetings of 14 and 21 September 2015. As stated in the Commission communication of 14 October 2015 entitled 'Managing the refugee crisis: State of Play of the Implementation of the Priority Actions under the European Agenda on Migration' (COM(2015)0510), 'both Decisions require immediate follow up from the EU institutions, the Member States under pressure and the Member States who are committed to hosting relocated people'.

However, the same document points out that, as at 14 October 2015, '21 Member States have identified national contact points [and] so far, only six Member States have notified [the] reception capacity they have made available to host relocated people'. Likewise, so far a mere 86 asylum seekers had been relocated from Italy under the new scheme. On 3 November, a Commission press release stated that the first relocation flight from Greece, with 30 asylum seekers on board, was about to leave for Luxembourg.

What steps does the Council intend to take so that its representatives commit quickly to relocating asylum seekers as soon as possible, bearing in mind the urgency of the current humanitarian challenges?