

Resolution on the humanitarian situation of Iraqi refugees

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The Council held an exchange of views on this issue and agreed that its preparatory bodies and the Commission should continue to monitor the refugee situation in Iraq and its neighbouring regions, as well as the influx of Iraqi refugees to the EU.

The Commission reported in particular on the recent steps undertaken in order to acquire a precise and comprehensive picture of national practices vis-à-vis Iraqi asylum seekers in the EU.

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the situation in Iraq continues to worsen, with more than 2 million Iraqis now believed to be displaced inside Iraq and another 2.2 million sheltering in neighbouring States.