European Refugee Fund, European Return Fund and European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals: increasing the Union co-financing rate

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The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted the report by Nils TORVALDS (ALDE, FI) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 573/2007/EC, Decision No 575/2007/EC and Council Decision 2007/435/EC with a view to increasing the co-financing rate of the European Refugee Fund, the European Return Fund and the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals as regards certain provisions relating to financial management for certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability.

To recall, the Commission proposal aims to offer the possibility to increase the the co-financing rates for Member States benefiting from a financial support mechanism. The proposal aims to allow for the Union' s co-financing rate to be increased by twenty percentage points and thereby decrease the co-financing needs for the part of the Member States in question.

The committee supports the approach proposed by the Commission (and which already exists for other European Funds). The report states that the functioning management of migration flows is of great importance for the European Union as a whole. The inability of one Member State to ensure efficient management of migration flows does not only affect the country in question, it has also an impact on many other Member States as well. It is therefore in the interest of all Member States that **the commitments made with regards to migration do not suffer from the economic difficulties in some Member States**.

The committee calls on the European Parliament to adopt its position at first reading, taking over the Commission proposal.