

International protection: provisional measures for the benefit of Sweden

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The European Parliament adopted by 396 votes to 190, with 50 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Sweden in accordance with Article 9 of Council Decision (EU) 2015/1523 and Article 9 of Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece.

Parliament stipulated in the recitals that:

- Sweden formally requested the suspension of its obligations under [Council Decisions \(EU\) 2015/1523](#) and [\(EU\) 2015/1601](#), having to face both challenges of being a country of first arrival and final destination;
- Sweden had in 2015 by far the highest number of applicants for international protection per capita in the EU (11 503 applicants per million inhabitants) and in March 2016, Sweden had received a total of **170 104 applicants**, of which 73 331 were children, including **36 181 unaccompanied minors who have special needs** and require additional resources in order to provide access to health care, dignified accommodation and education according to Union asylum rules.