

# International protection: provisional measures for the benefit of Sweden

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**PURPOSE:** to establish provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Sweden, by suspending for one year Sweden's obligations as a Member State of relocation.

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision (EU) 2016/946 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Sweden in accordance with Article 9 of Decision (EU) 2015/1523 and Article 9 of Decision (EU) 2015/1601 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece.

**CONTENT:** this Decision establishes **provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Sweden**, in order to support it in better coping with an emergency situation characterised by a sudden inflow of nationals of third countries.

In Sweden, **the number of applicants for international protection increased by more than 60 %** from 68 245 applicants for the period from 1 January to 31 October 2014 to 112 040 applicants for the period from 1 January to 31 October 2015. In 2015, it had by far the highest number of applicants for international protection per capita in the Union in 2015, **with 11 503 applicants** per million inhabitants, with one out of four applicants claiming to be an unaccompanied minor.

Taking account of this situation, the Decision stipulates that the obligations of Sweden as a Member State of relocation under [Decisions \(EU\) 2015/1523](#) and [\(EU\) 2015/1601](#) shall be **suspended until 16 June 2017**.

The suspension of Sweden's obligations should be complemented, where appropriate, by **operational support measures** coordinated by the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and by other relevant Agencies.

Sweden should present to the Council and to the Commission a **roadmap** setting out the measures that it will take in order to ensure the effectiveness of its asylum and migration system and to resume its obligations under Decisions (EU) 2015/1523 and (EU) 2015/1601 once the suspension of its obligations ceases to have effect.

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