

Provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece: relocation of applicants

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PURPOSE: to amend Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 to relocate people in need for international protection from Italy and Greece, in order to implement the agreement concluded between the European Council and Turkey.

NON LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/1754 amending Decision (EU) 2015/1601 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece.

CONTENT: to recall, the Council adopted two Decisions establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece:

- under [Council Decision \(EU\) 2015/1523](#), 40 000 applicants for international protection are to be relocated from Italy and Greece to the other Member States;
- under [Council Decision \(EU\) 2015/1601](#), **120 000 applicants** for international protection are to be relocated from Italy and Greece to other Member States.

Under Article 4(2) of Decision (EU) 2015/1601, **as of 26 September 2016, 54 000 applicants should be relocated from Italy and Greece** to the territory of other Member States unless by that date, the Commission makes a proposal to allocate them to another beneficiary Member States confronted with an emergency situation characterised by a sudden inflow of persons.

Under Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601, 120 000 applicants for international protection are to be relocated from Italy and Greece to other Member States. 54000 Syrians admitted from Turkey by a Member State should be deducted from the number of persons to be resettled to that Member State under Decision (EU) 2015/1601, in accordance with the agreement between the EU and Turkey on migration. In relation to the **54 000 applicants**, Member States may subtract from their allocated number of relocated applicants the number of Syrians present in Turkey admitted to their territory through resettlement schemes.

Member States that choose to use this option shall report monthly to the Commission on the number of persons legally admitted, indicating the type of scheme under which the admission has taken place and the form of legal admission used.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 2.10.2016.

APPLICATION: up to 26.9.2017.

The Decision shall apply to all the persons who, for the purposes of paragraph 3a of Article 4 of Decision (EU) 2015/1601, have been admitted from the territory of Turkey by the Member States as from 1 May 2016.