Humanitarian aid: aid to uprooted people (refugees, displaced persons) in Asian and Latin American developing countries

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The Council held an exchange of views on the draft Regulation on ‘operations to aid uprooted people (refugees, displaced persons and returnees) in Asian and Latin American developing countries’, in order to prepare its common position to be adopted when the European Parliament had delivered its opinion. Following the discussion it noted a broad convergence of views on the draft common position. The operations concerned by this draft Regulation concern the urgent requirements not covered by humanitarian aid and the longer-term realisation of projects and action programmes aimed at the self-sufficiency and (re)integration of such uprooted people. The potential beneficiaries of the operations under the draft Regulation are uprooted people in the developing countries of Asia and Latin America and persons from one of these countries provisionally settled in another developing country and, in duly justified, exceptional cases, other refugees, ‘displaced’ persons, ‘returnees’, the local population of host territories particularly affected and certain former soldiers.