

Asylum: Member State responsible for examining an application lodged by a third-country national

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The Council held a discussion on the proposal for a regulation establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application. The debate focused on the hierarchy of criteria for determining the Member State responsible for examining the application of an asylum seeker who had irregularly crossed the border into a Member State, on the cases where this asylum seeker had been previously living for a certain period in another Member State, and on the difficulties linked to different time limits set out by the regulation with regard to the determination of the competent Member State or the transfer of an asylum seeker to this Member State. Following the discussion, the Council charged the Permanent Representatives Committee with continuing the work to allow agreement to be reached at the next JHA Council on 28/29 November 2002.