

A Common European Asylum System based on solidarity

The European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party convening in Palermo, Italy on 23-25 November 2011

- Stresses the urgency of the adoption of a Common European Asylum System;
- Regrets the locked positions in the Council of the European Union and the Council's unwillingness to support the European Parliament's suggestion of a suspension mechanism in the recast of the Dublin II-regulation, illustrates the urgent need for common European action to guarantee the capacity of all Member States to receive asylum seekers in decent conditions. Meanwhile, the judgment remains a precedent and must be respected;
- Stresses that the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights of 21 January 2011 in the case *M.S.S. v. Belgium and Greece*, where the court found that there had been violations of Articles 3 and 13 of the European Convention on Human Rights by Belgium and Greece when transferring an asylum seeker back to Greece from Belgium in accordance with the Dublin II-regulation, is a precedent for all European Union Member States and must be respected;
- Stresses the importance of building a Common European Asylum System on common responsibility by all parties involved, and solidarity between European Union Member States.

Calls on

- The European Union Member States to expedite the process of building a Common European Asylum System in order to meet the deadline of 2012;
- The European Union to adopt an Asylum System based on solidarity, whereby European Union Member States take common responsibility for asylum seekers arriving on EU territory;
- The European Union Member States to correctly implement existing regulations and directives;
- The European Commission to step up its evaluation of the Member States' compliance with existing regulations and directives and to increase its efforts to hold Member States responsible for shortcomings in their Asylum Systems;
- Eurostat to clarify its categorization of migrants.

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