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OPINION

of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Union Resettlement Framework and amending Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2016)0468 – C8-0325/2016 – 2016/0225(COD))

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Foreign Affairs calls on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) Relocations and resettlements have been the subject of periodic Commission reports documenting a very slow progress on both relocation and resettlement. Member States should continue delivering on their resettlement commitments.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8) Building on the existing initiatives, a stable and reliable Union Resettlement Framework should be established for the resettlement of persons in need of international protection to be implemented in accordance with annual Union resettlement plans and targeted Union resettlement schemes which effectively deliver on Member States' concrete commitments.

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Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Such a framework is a necessary part of a well-managed migration policy to **reduce divergences among** national resettlement practices and procedures, provide for the legal and safe arrival to the territory of the Member States of third-country nationals and stateless persons in need of international protection, help reduce the risk of a **large-scale** irregular inflow of third-country nationals and stateless persons to the territory of the Member States and thereby reducing the pressure of spontaneous arrivals on the Member States' asylum systems, be an expression of solidarity with countries in regions to which or within which a large number of persons in need of international protection has been displaced by helping to alleviate the pressure on those countries, **help achieve Union's foreign policy objectives by increasing the Union's leverage vis-à-vis** third countries, and effectively contribute to global resettlement initiatives through speaking with one voice in international fora and with third countries.

Amendment

(9) Such a framework is a necessary part of a well-managed migration policy to **increase and complement** national resettlement practices and procedures, provide for the legal and safe arrival to the territory of the Member States of third-country nationals and stateless persons in need of international protection, help reduce the risk of a **poorly managed** irregular inflow of third-country nationals and stateless persons to the territory of the Member States, **especially of first arrival**, and thereby reducing the pressure of spontaneous arrivals on the Member States' asylum systems, be an expression of solidarity with countries in regions to which or within which a large number of persons in need of international protection has been displaced by helping to alleviate the pressure on those countries, **enhance cooperation with** third countries and effectively contribute to global resettlement initiatives through speaking with one voice in international fora and with third countries. **Together with development actions and policies, resettlement can effectively contribute to decreasing tensions and alleviating protracted refugee situations in third countries.**

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) In order to help reduce the risk of **a large-scale** irregular inflow of third-country nationals and stateless persons to the territory of the Member States, show solidarity with countries in regions to which or within which a large number of persons in need of international protection

Amendment

(10) In order to help reduce the risk of irregular inflow, **create genuine prospects of resettlement** of third-country nationals and stateless persons to the territory of the Member States, show solidarity with countries in regions to which or within which a large number of persons in need of

has been displaced by helping to alleviate the pressure on those countries, and help achieve the Union's foreign policy objectives, the regions or third countries from which resettlement is to occur should fit in a tailored engagement with third countries to better manage migration as foreseen in the Commission's Communication of 7 June 2016 on Establishing a new Partnership Framework with third countries under the European Agenda on Migration³².

³² COM(2016) 377 final.

international protection has been displaced by helping to alleviate the pressure on those countries, and help achieve the Union's foreign policy objectives, the regions or third countries from which resettlement is to occur should fit in a tailored ***long-standing*** engagement with third countries to better manage migration as foreseen in the Commission's Communication of 7 June 2016 on Establishing a new Partnership Framework with third countries under the European Agenda on Migration³². ***Therefore, partner countries should be prioritised. The overall Union approach should take into account the global resettlement and identified protection needs, including protracted refugee situations.***

³² COM(2016) 377 final.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The common standard procedures should build on the existing resettlement experience and standards of the Member States, in particular the ***Standard Operating Procedures guiding the implementation of the resettlement scheme with Turkey set out in the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016***. The Union Resettlement Framework should allow the use of two types of standard resettlement procedures.

Amendment

(12) The common standard procedures should build on the existing resettlement experience and standards of the Member States ***and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (“UNHCR”), in particular the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR), with the aim of gradually scaling up Member States' collective resettlement efforts to match the global resettlement needs as outlined in UNHCR annual Projected Global Resettlement Needs***. The Union Resettlement Framework should allow the use of two types of standard resettlement procedures.

Justification

this agreement is still controversial and it should not be considered as a best practice on

which build the EU resettlement policy

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) The resettlement procedure should be concluded as soon as possible in order to ***discourage persons in need of international protection to use irregular ways to enter the European Union to seek protection***. At the same time it should ensure that Member States have sufficient time for a full and adequate examination of each case. The time-limits should correspond to what is necessary to make the different types of assessment foreseen for the ordinary and expedited procedure.

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(16) The resettlement procedure should be concluded as soon as possible in order to ***ensure expedited access to the Union for persons in need of international protection***. At the same time it should ensure that Member States have sufficient time for a full and adequate examination of each case. The time-limits should correspond to what is necessary to make the different types of assessment foreseen for the ordinary and expedited procedure.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19a) Humanitarian admission should be considered as a complement to Union resettlement programmes.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of the Union Resettlement Framework, implementing powers should be conferred on the Council for establishing the annual Union resettlement plan, fixing the

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maximum total number of persons to be resettled, the details about the participation of the Member States in the plan and their contributions to the total number of persons to be resettled, *as well as overall geographical priorities*.

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) These powers should be exercised on a proposal from the Commission on the *maximum* total number of persons to be resettled and overall *geographical* priorities. The Commission should make its proposal simultaneously with its proposal on the draft Union annual budget. The Council should aim to adopt the proposal within two months. The Commission and the Council should take into account the discussions within the High-Level Resettlement Committee.

Amendment

(22) These powers should be exercised on a proposal from the Commission on the total number of persons to be resettled *through the Union Resettlement Framework* and overall priorities *concerning persons in most urgent need of protection*. The Commission should make its proposal simultaneously with its proposal on the draft Union annual budget. The Council should aim to adopt the proposal within two months. The Commission and the Council should take into account the discussions within the High-Level Resettlement Committee *and align its proposal with the ATCR, with the aim of gradually scaling up Member States' collective resettlement efforts to match the global resettlement needs as outlined in UNHCR annual Projected Global Resettlement Needs*.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) Each targeted Union resettlement scheme should determine which standard procedural rules should apply to its implementation. It should in addition set out local cooperation arrangements where

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Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) Given the expertise of UNHCR in facilitating the different forms of admission of persons in need of international protection from third countries, to which they have been displaced, to Member States willing to admit them, UNHCR should continue to play a key role in resettlement efforts conducted under the Union Resettlement Framework. In addition to UNHCR, other international ***actors*** such as the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) should be called upon to assist Member States in the implementation of the Union Resettlement Framework.

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Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) [The European Union Agency for Asylum] should assist Member States in the implementation of Union Resettlement Framework in accordance with its mandate.

Amendment

(28) [The European Union Agency for Asylum] should assist Member States ***and cooperate with the related third countries*** in the implementation of Union Resettlement Framework in accordance with its mandate, ***including by providing practical and technical assistance and operational support.***

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

(33) This Regulation respects the fundamental rights and observes the principles recognised in particular by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and should therefore be applied in a manner consistent with these rights and principles, including as regards the rights of the child, the right to respect for family life and the *general* principle of non-discrimination.

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Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

This Regulation establishes a Union Resettlement Framework for the admission of third-country nationals and stateless persons to the territory of the Member States with a view to granting them international protection.

Amendment

This Regulation establishes a Union Resettlement Framework for the *selection*, admission *and transfer* of third-country nationals and stateless persons to the territory of the Member States with a view to granting them international protection.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 3 – point -a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(–a) establish a permanent binding Union framework for the resettlement of third-country nationals and stateless persons who are in need of international protection;

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) contribute to the reduction of the risk of ***a large-scale*** irregular inflow of third-country nationals and stateless persons in need of international protection to the territory of the Member States;

Amendment

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Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 3 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) create redistributive mechanisms in order to relieve the pressure on third countries hosting large numbers of displaced people, as a gesture of solidarity and responsibility sharing;

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the number of persons in need of international protection displaced to or within a third country and any onward movement of those persons to the territory of the Member States;

Amendment

(a) the number of persons in need of international protection displaced to or within a third country, ***its impact on the regional stability of that third country***, and any onward movement of those persons to the territory of the Member States;

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) complementarity with financial and technical assistance provided to third countries to which or within which persons in need of international protection have been displaced;

(b) complementarity with financial and technical assistance, *especially aimed at increasing the reception capability and the protection of persons in need of international protection and at developing an effective asylum system to be provided* to third countries to which or within which persons in need of international protection have been displaced;

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) *the Union's overall relations with the third country or countries from which resettlement occurs, and with third countries in general;*

deleted

Justification

Instead of being a gesture of solidarity the framework risks instrumentalizing resettlement to exert leverage on these partner countries.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) *a third country's effective cooperation with the Union in the area of migration and asylum, including:*

deleted

(i) *reducing the number of third-country nationals and stateless persons irregularly crossing the border into the territory of the Member States coming from that third country;*

(ii) *creating the conditions for the use*

of the first country of asylum and safe third country concepts for the return of asylum applicants who have irregularly crossed the border into the territory of the Member States coming from or having a connection with the third country concerned;

(iii) increasing the capacity for the reception and protection of persons in need of international protection staying in that country, including through the development of an effective asylum system; or

(iv) increasing the rate of readmission of third-country nationals and stateless persons irregularly staying in the territory of the Member States such as through the conclusion and effective implementation of readmission agreements;

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) the scale and content of commitments to resettlement undertaken by third countries.

Amendment

(e) the scale and content of commitments to resettlement undertaken by **other** third countries.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) (i) third-country nationals, who, owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group, are outside the country of nationality or the part of that country in which they formerly habitually resided, and are unable or,

Amendment

(a) (i) third-country nationals, who, owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, **sex, gender identity, sexual orientation**, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group, are outside the country of nationality or the part of that country in which they formerly

owing to such fear, are unwilling to avail themselves of the protection of that country, or stateless persons, who, being outside of the country of former habitual residence or of the part of that country in which they formerly habitually resided, for the same reasons as mentioned above, are unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to return to or stay in it, or, failing that,

habitually resided, and are unable or, owing to such fear, are unwilling to avail themselves of the protection of that country, or stateless persons, who, being outside of the country of former habitual residence or of the part of that country in which they formerly habitually resided, for the same reasons as mentioned above, are unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to return to or stay in it, or, failing that,

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b – point i – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) vulnerable persons:

(i) vulnerable persons, *in particular*:

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b – point i – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– children and adolescents at risk, *including* unaccompanied children;

– children and adolescents at risk, *in particular* unaccompanied children;

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b – point i – indent 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– *persons lacking alternative durable solutions*;

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

- the minor children of couples referred to in the first indent or of third-country nationals or stateless persons to be resettled, ***on the condition that they are unmarried***, regardless of whether they were born in or out of wedlock or adopted as defined under national law;

Amendment

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Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

- the father, mother or another adult responsible for the ***unmarried*** minor to be resettled, whether by law or by the practice of the Member State where the adult is present;

Amendment

- the father, mother or another adult responsible for the minor to be resettled, whether by law or by the practice of the Member State where the adult is present;

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that family unity can be maintained ***between persons referred to in point (b)(ii)***.

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that family unity can be maintained.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

- (ii) they have committed a serious crime;

Amendment

- (ii) they have committed a serious crime ***equivalent to an offence punishable under Member States' criminal law***;

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) persons who have irregularly stayed, irregularly entered, or attempted to irregularly enter the territory of the Member States during the five years prior to resettlement;

deleted

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*(e) persons who have already been resettled by another Member State in the implementation of this Regulation, **the Conclusions of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council 11097/15 of 20 July 2015, the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016, the Commission Recommendation C(2015) 9490 of 15 December 2015,** or a national resettlement scheme; and*

*(e) persons who have already been resettled by another Member State in the implementation of this Regulation, or **as part of** a national resettlement scheme; and*

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*2. **Third-country nationals or stateless persons may be excluded from targeted Union resettlement schemes established in accordance with Article 8, where one of the grounds for exclusion referred to in points (a) or (b) of***

deleted

paragraph 1 applies prima facie.

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. On the basis of a proposal from the Commission, the Council shall adopt an annual Union resettlement plan in the year preceding that in which it is to be implemented.

Amendment

1. On the basis of a proposal from the Commission ***and in line with the UNHCR Projected Global Resettlement Needs***, the Council shall adopt an annual Union resettlement plan in the year preceding that in which it is to be implemented.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the ***maximum total*** number of persons to be resettled;

Amendment

(a) the number of persons to be resettled, ***in line with the UNHCR Projected Global Resettlement Needs***;

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) overall geographical priorities.

Amendment

(c) overall ***protection needs and the specific*** geographical priorities, ***in line with the UNHCR Projected Global Resettlement Needs***.

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point ca (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) benchmarks to monitor and evaluate the effective implementation by Member States.

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the precise number of persons to be resettled from the **maximum total** number as set out in the annual Union resettlement plan provided for in point (a) of Article 7(2) and details about the participation of the Member States in the targeted Union resettlement scheme;

(b) the precise number of persons to be resettled from the number as set out in the annual Union resettlement plan provided for in point (a) of Article 7(2) and details about the participation of the Member States in the targeted Union resettlement scheme;

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) where necessary, local coordination and practical cooperation arrangements among Member States, supported by the [European Union Agency for Asylum] in accordance with Article 12(3), and with third countries, **and** UNHCR or other partners;

(d) where necessary, local coordination and practical cooperation arrangements among Member States, supported by the [European Union Agency for Asylum] in accordance with Article 12(3) **and by the Union Delegations**, and with third countries, UNHCR, **IOM, and relevant civil society organisations** or other partners;

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) a description of the specific group

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or groups of third-country nationals or stateless persons to whom the targeted Union resettlement scheme shall apply;

or groups of third-country nationals or stateless persons *on the basis of the UNHCR Projected Global Resettlement Needs* to whom the targeted Union resettlement scheme shall apply *according to the vulnerability criteria established by UNHCR*;

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) family links with third-country nationals or stateless persons or Union citizens legally residing in a Member State;

Amendment

(a) family links with third-country nationals or stateless persons or Union citizens legally residing in a Member State *but not eligible for family reunification under Council Directive 2003/86/EC^{1a}*;

^{1a} *Council Directive 2003/86/EC of 22 September 2003 on the right to family reunification (OJ L 251, 3.10.2003, p. 12).*

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall make that assessment on the basis of documentary evidence, including, where applicable, information from UNHCR on whether the third-country nationals or the stateless persons qualify as refugees or on the basis of a personal interview or a combination of both.

Amendment

Member States shall make that assessment on the basis of documentary evidence, including, where applicable, information from UNHCR, *IOM, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and relevant civil society organizations* on whether the third-country nationals or the stateless persons qualify as refugees or on the basis of a personal interview or a combination of both.

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 8 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States *may* also request UNHCR to fully assess whether third-country nationals or stateless persons referred to them by UNHCR qualify as refugees within the meaning of Article 1 of the 1951 Geneva Convention.

Amendment

Member States *shall* also request UNHCR, ***IOM and relevant civil society organisations*** to fully assess whether third-country nationals or stateless persons referred to them by UNHCR, ***IOM and relevant civil society organisations*** qualify as refugees within the meaning of Article 1 of the 1951 Geneva Convention.

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) shall not require UNHCR to assess whether the third-country nationals or the stateless persons qualify as refugees within the meaning of Article 1 of the 1951 Geneva Convention;

Amendment

(2) shall not require UNHCR, ***IOM, and relevant civil society organizations*** to assess whether the third-country nationals or the stateless persons qualify as refugees within the meaning of Article 1 of the 1951 Geneva Convention;

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. To facilitate the implementation of the targeted Union resettlement schemes, Member States shall appoint national contact points and may decide to appoint liaison officers in third countries.

Amendment

1. To facilitate the implementation of the targeted Union resettlement schemes, Member States shall appoint national contact points and may decide to appoint liaison officers in third countries. ***Member States may be assisted by [the European Union Agency for Asylum] and, where necessary, use existing structures for operational cooperation on resettlement.***

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. To implement targeted Union resettlement schemes, and in particular to conduct pre-departure orientation programmes, fit-to-travel medical checks, travel arrangements and other practical arrangements, Member States may be assisted by partners in accordance with local coordination and practical cooperation arrangements for targeted Union resettlement schemes established in accordance with point (d) of Article 8(2).

Amendment

3. To implement targeted Union resettlement schemes, and in particular to conduct pre-departure orientation programmes, fit-to-travel medical checks, travel arrangements and other practical arrangements, Member States may be assisted by partners, **and in particular the UNHCR and relevant international organisations**, in accordance with local coordination and practical cooperation arrangements for targeted Union resettlement schemes established in accordance with point (d) of Article 8(2).

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A High-Level Resettlement Committee shall be established, composed of representatives of the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and the Member States. [The European Union Agency for Asylum,] UNHCR, and IOM **may** be invited. Representatives of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland shall be invited to attend the meetings of the High-Level Resettlement Committee where they have indicated their intention to be associated with the implementation of the annual Union resettlement plan.

Amendment

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Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The High-Level Resettlement Committee shall be chaired by the Commission. It shall meet whenever necessary at the invitation of the Commission or at a request of a Member State and shall meet at least once a year.

Amendment

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Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. By 31 December 2018 the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Regulation in the Member States.

Amendment

1. By 31 December 2018, ***and every year thereafter***, the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Regulation in the Member States. ***The Commission shall report to the UNHCR on the contribution of the Union and its Member States towards meeting global resettlement needs.***

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	Union Resettlement Framework
References	COM(2016)0468 – C8-0325/2016 – 2016/0225(COD)
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FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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