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to the Commission**

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Subject: Unlawful use of force at Pozzallo and Lampedusa reception centres, Italy, to collect migrants' fingerprints - including those of minors - for identification purposes

As of 28 April 2015, 70 unaccompanied minors had been detained for over two weeks at a CPSA (first aid and reception centre) on the Italian island of Lampedusa. As of 25 April 2015, 113 Syrians and Palestinians had been detained for a week at a CPSA in Pozzallo, Sicily. Several sources and documents testify to the unlawful use of force at the Pozzallo CPSA to collect migrants' fingerprints – including those of minors – for identification purposes, in violation of the safeguards laid down in the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. In addition, foreign nationals detained at the Pozzallo CPSA, including minors, have declared that they have been beaten with Taser-like devices.

The Commission is asked to investigate these recent events, and to evaluate whether what is happening at the Lampedusa and Pozzallo CPSAs is in violation of Article 4 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, Articles 3 and 5.4 of the ECHR, Article 14 (b), 17 and 19 of the Reception Directive (2003/9/EC) and Article 8 of the Regulation (EC) no. 2725/2000 (the Eurodac Regulation).

The Commission is also asked to clarify what measures it intends to take to prevent the detention of migrant children, which is prohibited by the New York Convention on the Rights of the Child.