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Cecilia Malmström welcomes the finalisation of the EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement negotiations

Commissioner Malmström said: *"I am pleased to announce that following the meeting between the chief negotiators held on 14 January 2011 in Ankara, the final adjustments to the draft EU Readmission Agreement with Turkey were agreed and the negotiation has now come to its end. The outcome of the negotiation is very balanced and will contribute greatly to the effective management of irregular migration in the region. I would like to thank the Turkish side for its very constructive and pragmatic approach during the negotiation. The text was presented to the EU Member States and I trust that they will approve the current compromise and that we will be able to bring it for formal conclusion to the next Justice and Home Affairs Council on 24 February 2011. The European Parliament will be duly involved, in line with the Treaty requirements. This important development also opens up new perspectives to further foster our cooperation with Turkey in the area of visa policy and related areas, with a view to improving the mobility of our citizens".*

For more information

Homepage of Cecilia Malmström, Commissioner for Home Affairs:

http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/malmstrom/welcome/default_en.htm

Justice and Home Affairs Newsroom:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/news/intro/news_intro_en.htm