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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission Communication on 'Reforming the Common European Asylum System and developing safe and legal pathways to Europe' - reform of the Dublin system

The Commission Communication released on 6 April 2016 outlines, among other things, two options for reforming the jurisdiction under the Dublin system: 'supplementing the present system with a corrective fairness mechanism' (option 1) and a 'new system for allocating asylum applications in the EU based on a distribution key' (option 2). In this regard, two questions arise that require clarification.

1. On page 7, the Commission states that 'within the framework of both options, Member States of first point of entry should [...] return those not in need of protection'. In subsequent considerations relating to option 2, the Commission proceeds on the basis that the country of first point of entry should be responsible for processing applications for international protection in the case of applicants from so-called safe countries. Under these circumstances, how does the Commission assume that applicants from countries other than the safe countries are to be returned, given the very limited number of safe countries of origin listed in the draft regulation (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey)?
2. In the same section on page 7, the Commission states that 'both options would be designed to address situations of a mass influx' of migrants. Can the Commission specify, in particular, how the factor of a mass influx of migrants is addressed in the event of option 2, which acts, in the Commission's subsequent considerations, as a permanent mechanism for distributing asylum applications at the current number of migrants moving to the EU?