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to the Commission**

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Subject: Implementation of the Family Reunification Directive (Council Directive 2003/86/EC): restoring family links for children, access to procedures after relocation, reporting by the Member States

As part of the action plan for immediate measures to support Greece, the Commission is assisting the Greek authorities with the implementation of the project entitled 'Voluntary scheme for the relocation from Greece to other European countries'. According to International Organization for Migration figures, as of 15 June 2021, a total of 3 952 individuals had been relocated to other EU countries, 806 of whom were unaccompanied children.

1. Does the Commission have any information on the progress of the requests of those children to restore links with family members living outside Europe and reunite with them, a possibility that is provided for in the Family Reunification Directive?
2. Does it know whether individuals have overall effective access to family reunification in the country of relocation?
3. How is it ensuring regular reporting by Member States in the context of the implementation of the Family Reunification Directive, considering that Eurostat data on the first permits issued for family reunification with a beneficiary of protection status provided by EU Member States and European Free Trade Association countries are scarcely available and have not been updated since 2019?