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Subject: Inadmissibility of Syrian asylum applications in Greece

In its letter of 26 July 2021, the Commission stated that Syrian nationals whose asylum applications have been declared inadmissible on the basis that Turkey is considered a safe non-EU country, but who are not permitted to re-enter the country, should be able to reapply for asylum in Greece.

In March 2020, Turkey suspended all readmissions from Greece. Yet Syrian nationals have still received final negative asylum application decisions since that date on the basis that Turkey is considered a safe non-EU country.

Did all Syrian nationals on the Greek islands whose applications were declared inadmissible get the opportunity to apply for asylum again? If not, what measures will the Commission take to ensure that they can?

On 7 June 2021, the Greek Government proposed listing Turkey as a safe non-EU country for asylum seekers from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Somalia, which would mean that their applications would be considered inadmissible as well.

How will the Commission ensure that asylum applications from these nationals will not be declared inadmissible under the false presumption that applicants can be readmitted to Turkey? What steps will the Commission take to ensure that the Greek Government complies with the Asylum Procedures Directive in this regard?