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AU PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN, AU CONSEIL, AU COMITÉ ÉCONOMIQUE ET  
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**STRATÉGIE POLITIQUE EN MATIÈRE D'ASILE  
UNE APPROCHE INTÉGRÉE DE LA PROTECTION À TRAVERS DE L'UNION  
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asylum seekers] in equal terms throughout the EU, and whether this means that a number of Member States will have to raise standards in certain areas and/or whether other Member States have to lower standards. In this context the report should explicitly address concerns about a "race to the bottom".

**(2) Improve the assessment of changes to protection standards.** The IA report should address more fully the issues of subsidiarity and proportionality, in particular for the area of integration policy. It should clarify which measures could be proposed under the existing Treaties and which under the revised Treaties. The report should also analyse in more detail what impact the envisaged changes to the protection standards will have on the number of asylum seekers coming to the EU, and what the broader costs and benefits for society will be of changes in asylum flows. Furthermore, the potential consequences of the recent extension of the Schengen area should be taken into account. The analysis on these points should be further detailed in the future IA reports on individual measures.

**(3) Clarify plans for a European Support Office.** The IA report should clarify what type of organisation is envisaged, particularly in the context of the Commission's policy not to propose new agencies, and what budgetary implications it would have. The report should make clear that any decision on such a body would be consistent with the Commission's policy on agencies and will be subject to a specific impact assessment.

**(4) Expand the description of social impacts.** The report should provide more information on social aspects of asylum flows, notably gender issues and the relevance of family re-unification. These issues should be dealt with in greater detail in the impact assessments for specific measures.

**(5) Revise indicators for measuring the asylum burden.** The current use of GDP per asylum seeker as an indicator of asylum burden should be replaced by a more appropriate indicator.

**(D) Procedure and presentation**

It appears that all necessary procedural elements have been complied with.

**2) IAB scrutiny process**

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