At the Justice and Home Affairs Council in Luxembourg, the Greek Minister of Migration and Asylum presented a proposal of the Prime Minister for the institutionalisation of a European Emergency Mechanism to address instrumentalised migratory pressure.

According to the press release by the Greek Ministry of Migration and Asylum, “the new mechanism aims to fill a structural gap in the existing framework, providing immediate operational and legal protection at the EU's external borders when flows are used as a hybrid threat. The activation of this ‘Special Derogation Regime’ will take place when cumulative objective quantitative criteria are met, such as a rapid increase in arrivals and the oversaturation of local infrastructure, combined with qualitative evidence demonstrating state or organized facilitation of flows from third countries. Upon certification of the crisis, the mechanism will allow for the temporary suspension of asylum applications, the implementation of rapid return procedures and the immediate operational assistance of Frontex”.

More information is available here.

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