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The Center for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) brings you a collection of the latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from weeks 34-38/2016 (22 August - 26 September 2016).

Kind regards,

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EU Enlargement

23 August

Bosnia and Herzegovina adopts EU Coordination Mechanism

15 September

EU prolongs sanctions against Ukraine officials by 6 months



European Neighbourhood Policy

19 September

EU support for socio-economic development and regional cooperation in the Southern Mediterranean

19 September

EU support for private sector development and stronger institutions in the Eastern Partnership

Trade and Investment

14 September

Economic Partnership Agreement with 6 African countries approved by European Parliament

14 September

EU External Investment Plan introduced as part of new Partnership Framework

Development and Cooperation

8 September

Increased EU humanitarian aid under Facility for Refugees in Turkey



19 September

Additional EU contribution to Global Fund to end AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis for 2017-19

20 September

EU-UNICEF partnership to provide education and protection to Syrian children and youth

21 September

EU aid to Yemen extended due to continuing humanitarian crisis

22 September

Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement with Cuba adopted by Commission



CFSP and CSDP

30 August

EUNAVFOR MED Operation Sophia to train Libyan coastguard and to enforce UN arms embargo

8 September

UN for the first time involved in EU Crisis Management Exercise

14 September

Commission President Juncker announces EU defence fund in State of the Union Address

EU Counter-Terrorism

20 September

New legal framework allows autonomous EU sanctions on ISIL/Daesh and Al-Qaida

22 September

Advocate General Sharpston advises CJEU to remove Hamas and LTTE from EU terrorist list

Customs and Taxation

30 August

Ireland's tax benefits to Apple deemed illegal under EU state aid rules

15 September

Commission starts first EU-wide tax evasion list of non-cooperative third countries

23 September

Increased seizure of illegal goods under EU Intellectual Property Rights in 2015

External Dimension of AFSJ

14 September

New European Border and Coast Guard to strengthen borders and manage migration flows

15 September

European travel document to speed up return of non-EU nationals without valid documents

16 September

EU emergency funding to Bulgaria to improve border and migration management

Human Rights

7 September

Appointment of 14 Judges to General Court and 1 Advocate General to CJEU

15 September

Recent human rights violations in the Philippines, Somalia and Zimbabwe condemned by European Parliament

20 September

EU annual report on human rights and democracy adopted by Council

22 September

New EEAS framework for gender equality and women's empowerment

Events and Vacancies

29-30 September

The Rule of Law and Areas of Limited Statehood: Domestic and International Dilemmas - Workshop organised by the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Leuven, Belgium

Application deadline: 29 September

Assistant Professor in European Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, the Netherlands

Application deadline: 7 November

Lecturer in EU Law, Durham Law School, Durham University, United Kingdom

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