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Call for civil society input to the 2016 EASO Annual Report on the situation of asylum in the EU

Dear members of the EASO Consultative Forum,

One of EASO's key tasks is to produce an Annual Report on the situation of asylum in the European Union (EU) with an overview of key aspects of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS). This includes a comprehensive analysis of relevant statistics, as well as information on important asylum-related developments at EU+ and national level and on the practical functioning of the CEAS.

As an independent centre of expertise on asylum, EASO endeavours to make the report as comprehensive and accurate as possible, taking account of information available from a wide range of sources. In recent years the Annual Report made several references to civil-society sources and I would like to once again acknowledge input from civil-society organisations. I believe that the wide scope of sources used significantly contributed to the overall quality and value of the report.

To that end I would like to reiterate the open call for input that I made this time last year and invite you to provide your observations on the functioning of the CEAS. EASO will consider all relevant input received from civil society and will reflect it in the report where possible. Contributors to the annual report will be acknowledged. While EASO endeavours to cover all relevant developments and strives to include as many references as possible, the final content of the EASO Annual Report remains bound by its terms of reference and volume. Therefore, while all contributions are gratefully received and recognised, EASO may edit contributions for length and clarity.

Please kindly use the attached form to provide your input and email to ids@easo.europa.eu and consultative-forum@easo.europa.eu by **Monday 20 February 2017.**

Yours sincerely,

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