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EASO and Italy signed a new Support Plan which provides for EASO tailor-made support to Italy to be implemented over a period of 12 months. The support focuses on long-term operational support for the Italian Territorial Commissions and Sections in the field of: Country of Origin Information (COI) and administrative preparation of the asylum files; tackling of the existing backlog of pending cases in the Dublin procedure; and strengthening the capacity of reception measures (such as those for unaccompanied minors). Moreover, EASO will continue training personnel employed with the Italian National Asylum Commission and to engage in capacity building measures for the newly established COI Unit.

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