INFORMATIVE ANNEX ON THE ACCELERATED PROCEDURE

ENGLISH

Your application for international protection will be examined under an **'accelerated' procedure**. This means that your application will be examined **as soon as possible and that a decision will be made within three months** of it being formalised.

Your application will be processed under the accelerated procedure because it falls into one of the following categories:

- When you submitted your application, you raised issues that are entirely irrelevant to the granting of international protection;
- You have provided statements that are clearly inconsistent or contradictory, manifestly false or obviously implausible, or that clearly contradict the information available on your country of origin;
- Even though you had the opportunity to provide a valid reason, you deliberately misled the authorities by submitting false information or documents or by omitting relevant information, in particular regarding your identity and nationality, or you deliberately destroyed or caused relevant documents to disappear in bad faith;
- You have applied for international protection for the sole purpose of delaying, obstructing or preventing the enforcement of a decision regarding your removal from Italian territory;
- You come from a country that is regarded by Italy or the European Union as a safe country of origin;
- There are reasonable grounds to believe that you pose a threat to national security or public order, or that you have already been expelled on serious grounds relating to national security or public order;
- You have submitted a subsequent application which has been deemed admissible;
- You have entered Italy illegally or have unlawfully extended your stay and, without a valid reason, have failed to promptly report to the relevant authorities or have not applied for international protection as soon as possible;
- You entered Italy legally and, without a valid reason, did not apply for international protection as soon as possible; this does not apply if the need for international protection arose while you were already outside your country of origin ('*sur place*');
- You come from a country where, according to the latest annual average Eurostat figures for the EU as a whole, the rate at which the determining authority grants international protection is 20% or less; this does not apply if there has been a significant change in your country of origin or if you belong to a category of persons with specific protection needs, taking into account also the significant differences between first-instance decisions and final decisions;

Even if your application is assessed under the accelerated procedure, **the Territorial Commission will always carry out a full assessment of all your potential protection needs**. If the Commission considers that the examination of your application is complex and requires more time, it may amend the procedure and continue to examine your application under the standard procedure, which provides for a longer time frame for a decision (six months from the date of formalisation, subject to possible extensions).

If you have any specific procedural requirements, the Territorial Commission will provide you with the appropriate support while your application is being assessed.

In particular, this may apply if you belong to a vulnerable group, for example because you have **physical or mental health problems**, face **difficulties** that prevent you from carrying out certain activities independently and/or **have a disability**, have been subjected to **torture** or **serious** psychological, physical, sexual or gender-based **violence**. In such cases, if the Regional Commission considers that it is not possible to provide you with the necessary support during the accelerated procedure, it may decide to **examine your case under the standard procedure**.

If you fall into one of the categories listed above, it is therefore important that **you inform the public security authority processing your application of your specific needs**, and that you also **indicate your vulnerabilities and/or specific needs** on the **online application form**, **attaching any documentation you may have relating to these specific needs**. In such cases, the Territorial Commission may decide to apply the standard procedure to your case and will inform you of the assessment procedure adopted.

If the Territorial Commission rejects your application for international protection and you believe that this decision is incorrect, you have the right to appeal to the Civil court.

To lodge an appeal, you will need the assistance of a lawyer, and you may be eligible for free legal aid at the State's expense. The conditions for lodging an appeal are explained in the leaflet on the standard examination procedure which was provided to you together with this annex.

However, if the accelerated procedure has been applied to your case, you must lodge an appeal **within 7 days** of the date on which you receive the Territorial Commission's decision.

Furthermore, simply lodging an appeal does not guarantee you the right to remain in Italy. If you wish to remain in Italy for the duration of the court proceedings, you must expressly request authorisation to remain in Italy in your appeal.

The judge will decide **within 10 days** whether you are entitled to remain in Italy for the duration of the proceedings. Moreover, the judge will decide on your application for international protection **within 4 months**.

For any further information on the procedure, please refer to the leaflet on the standard procedure, which was provided to you along with this annex.