

## Resolution about refugees

Commission Affaires Etrangères et Européennes

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### Introduction

When looking at this situation in its entirety, it seems like there are too many sides, two polarized opinions. On one side, there are governments in Europe that are open to mass immigration, believing in the goodness in people and that we can get through this together. On the other side, other member states are building walls and patrolling their borders, believing that there are not enough resources nor security for all.

Furthermore, we would like to state that the refugees and economic migrants have not just only started entering the EU. It has been occurring for more than a few years now. However, only recently there has been a dramatic increase of the number of refugees and economic migrants entering the EU that it has become of a concern, e.g. in the past three years more than 10,500 migrants lives have been lost in the Mediterranean. In addition, the EU is scared about the high risk in population groups being taken by traffickers, including minorities of women and children.

### **IC's**

- Aware that the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member State of the European Union Frontex\* failed to adequately tackle the smuggling of people across the Mediterranean.
- Fully aware of the challenges integrating refugees into a new social, economic and cultural background, particularly with regards to
  - i. social acceptance in a community
  - ii . the recognition of previously obtained educational degrees
  - iii. access the job market

- Noting with regret that a number of member states choose to ignore the quotas system laws of the European Union.

The Youth Parliament :

- Recommends that the European Commission further empowers and increases the number of hotspots\*\* for migrants registration and fingerprints processing upon entrance into the EU in countries that receive the vast majority of migrants and refugees, such as Greece and Italy.
- Trust civil society and educational institutions to play a key role in integration of refugees into society by:
  - 1) Encouraging higher education students to enrich their curriculum by voluntarily offering language and cultural courses adaptable to all age groups,
  - 2) Promoting the creation of exchange programs for higher education students
  - 3) Offering local volunteering opportunities to refugees such as helping elderly people, working at orphanages and undertaking community work
- Reminds the member states the importance of the quotas system levels

\*Frontex is the European Agency that promotes, coordinates and develops European Border management in line with the EU character Fundamental Rights applying the concept of Integrated Border Management.

\*\*Hotspots are EU-run reception centers in frontline member states like Greece and Italy that identify and fingerprint migrants and refugees

