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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statements by the Council and the Commission

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on migration and refugees in Europe
(2015/2833(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on migration and refugees in Europe (2015/2833(RSP))

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the statements by the Council and the Commission of 9 September 2015 on migration and refugees in Europe,

– having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas, according to the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), an estimated 664 183 illegal immigrants have reached the coasts of Italy, Spain, Greece and Malta since 1 January 2015;

B. whereas, according to the IOM, over 2 700 people have disappeared or died in the Mediterranean Sea since the beginning of this year;

C. whereas migratory pressure through the Western Balkan and eastern borders routes has also dramatically increased;

D. whereas smugglers and human traffickers exploit illegal immigration and put at risk the lives of illegal immigrants for their own business profits and are responsible for thousands of deaths; whereas traffickers generate profits of EUR 20 billion per year from their criminal activities; whereas, according to Europol, organised criminal groups actively facilitating the transport of illegal immigrants across the Mediterranean Sea have been linked to human trafficking, drugs and firearms;

E. whereas it has been established that members of Islamic State and other Islamic fundamentalist and terrorist groups have been hiding among illegal immigrants in order to enter the European Union;

F. whereas Qatar, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf States are funding terrorist groups in the Middle East and North Africa and refuse to give shelter to refugees;

G. whereas the Australian Government's Operation Sovereign Borders has proved to be highly successful in terms of border control and the prevention of loss of life at sea;

H. whereas the unwillingness on the part of the EU and some of the Member States to protect the external borders and to tow back boats to their places of departure has made the EU and those Member States an indispensable link in the chain of human trafficking;

I. whereas transferring illegal immigrants from smugglers' boats to EU vessels is an invaluable asset to human traffickers, encouraging illegal immigration and validating the business model and modus operandi of people smugglers;

J. whereas the absorption capacity of many Member States has long been exceeded;

K.   whereas public opinion in most Member States is clearly opposed to further mass immigration, and the will of the people must be respected in order to reduce the EU's democratic deficit;

L.   whereas fake Syrian passports are readily available to illegal immigrants in Turkey, posing a huge threat to the internal security of our nation states;

1.   Regrets the loss of lives in the Mediterranean; urges the Member States to change their policies fundamentally in order to stop the mass immigration and prevent further loss of life at sea;

2.   Calls for the EU and the Member States to follow the Australian model and effectively restore and protect the external borders;

3.   Underlines the fact that it is more efficient to give shelter to refugees in their own region;

4.   Urges the Gulf States to admit refugees and to shoulder their responsibilities;

5.   Urges the Gulf States and Turkey to stop funding terrorist groups;

6.   Calls on the European Union and the Member States to repeal the Schengen Treaty and to restore the right of Member States to control their borders again;

7.   Calls for the Member States to step up their fight against terrorism and protect their internal security;

8.   Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.