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to the Council
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Subject: Commitment needed to ensure the success of Frontex Plus

May's European election campaign showed that immigration and external border controls remain major concerns for people in Europe.

This is one reason why the Italian Council Presidency has decided to make regulating the influx of irregular migrants into the Mediterranean Member States a priority. This will involve setting up the Frontex Plus operation to replace Italy's Mare Nostrum.

The Commission has called on the Member States to play their part so that the operation can be launched by November 2014.

Cecilia Malmström, the Commissioner for Home Affairs, has said that the operation's success will depend primarily on the commitment shown by the Member States and the resources they are prepared to make available. France has already confirmed its participation.

How does the Italian Council Presidency intend to encourage the Member States to provide the resources needed to make Frontex Plus a success – in particular funding, ships and border guards?