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Subject: Immigration crisis in the Mediterranean

According to the UNHCR, approximately 125 000 immigrants have come to Europe by sea since the beginning of the year – about twice the number recorded in 2013. Sicily is still the main destination. Since the beginning of 2014, around 1900 people have died in the Mediterranean trying to get to Europe.

The Italian Interior Ministry recently approved the closure of a number of migrant centres which were on the point of collapse. Operation Triton will not in fact take the place of the Italian Mare Nostrum operation, as it will cover border controls alone, leaving search and rescue operations and the arrangements for taking in migrants to others.

1. Would the Commission not agree that the current situation is at odds with Article 80 of the TFEU and Article 18 of the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights?
2. Given the gravity of the situation on the EU's southern border and the fact that data on migration from Africa to the EU suggest a steady increase over the next 15 years, does the Commission not believe that Frontex's headquarters should be moved from Warsaw to Sicily?
3. Will the Commission push for a re-negotiation of the Dublin III Regulation, with a view to ensuring that the Member States share responsibility for rescuing and taking in migrants and that Italy thus receives sufficient support and is able to provide appropriate reception facilities?