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to the Council**

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Subject: Planned joint police operation 'Mos Maiorum'

The Council has decided to set up a joint police operation called 'Mos Maiorum'¹, to be implemented from 13 to 26 October 2014. It will be coordinated by the Central Directorate for Immigration and Border Police of the Italian Ministry of the Interior, in close cooperation with Frontex and Europol.

Should it insist on going ahead with this operation, can the Council state:

1. in what ways it finds such operations useful and whether it sees them as a suitable means of tackling the problems created by current migration and asylum policies, which result above all from the absence of safe and legal access to the EU and from the Dublin system;
2. how it will ensure that police operations that include ethnic profiling, like 'Mos Maiorum', do not have the counterproductive effect of fuelling xenophobic stereotypes, as well as reinforcing smuggling networks instead of combating them;
3. what is expected to happen to the undocumented migrants apprehended during the operation, and how it will ensure that this does not lead to systematic detention and that the right to international protection and non-discrimination (e.g. with regard to ethnic profiling) will be respected?

¹ Council document 11671/14.