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to the Commission
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Subject: Wave of refugees entering the EU: urgent need to review Union immigration policy

EU immigration policy, as expressed in the Schengen Agreement, the Dublin II Regulation etc., is still proving beyond all doubt to be an unsuccessful and dangerous policy. Irrefutable proof of its failure can be seen in the border countries, which have become hotbeds of misery, while the Mediterranean is slowly turning into a watery grave for thousands of immigrants. The host countries are now unable to provide the impoverished immigrants with even the basics for a dignified life and this and the financial crisis gripping the southern European States is putting their social cohesion at risk.

As a result, there has been a rise in the number of extreme nationalist fascist parties putting xenophobia to political use and seeking to destabilise the countries in question both socially and politically.

Greece is expected to receive more than 100 000 immigrants in 2015 alone. Irrespective of the material responsibilities of the EU, whose foreign and other policies have caused and are maintaining the injustices which cause these waves of immigrants, will the Commission say:

1. What emergency initiatives does it intend to take to amend the Treaties, which are exacerbating the immigration crisis, in order to release the millions of immigrants currently languishing in the EU border countries?
2. What initiatives does it intend to take to provide immediate and basic aid to the host countries expected to shoulder the burden of its political decisions?