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to the Commission**

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Subject: Refugee quotas by Member State

In an attempt to deal with the mass arrivals of political refugees in Italy, Malta and Greece, Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker recently presented proposals for sharing out quotas of a large proportion of these refugees between all EU Member States. According to Mr Juncker, this so-called 'distribution mechanism' is intended to ease the burden currently borne by the above three countries.

Did the Commission carry out a study prior to launching this initiative to assess whether, rather than providing a concrete response to the refugee crisis, such measures might result in further influxes that would merely exacerbate the Union's immigration problem?