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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission proposals regarding the tragedies in the Mediterranean

The Commission has put forward ten proposals supposedly aimed at combating the smuggling of migrants and preventing would-be immigrants from risking their lives by crossing the Mediterranean.

It is, of course, necessary to assist vessels in distress and crucially important to reinforce the Triton operation by doubling its budget as well as the number of ships involved.

However, will not this wholly illusory promise of sea rescue run the risk of inducing even more would-be immigrants to take reckless risks by attempting this dangerous crossing?

Furthermore, what does the requirement of a "more balanced distribution of migrants between Member States" mean?

Does it involve imposing responsibility for countless illegal migrants on all of the countries in the Union?

Although it is commendable to be concerned about the fate of so many poor people who are prepared to risk their lives in the hopes of reaching what they believe to be El Dorado, is the Commission unaware of the serious economic, social, identity, security and health problems posed by this mass immigration that our nations are already experiencing head-on?