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to the Commission**

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Subject: Resettling asylum seekers within EU Member States

The Commission has called on the EU Member States to take in 40 000 asylum seekers from Syria, Eritrea and other countries who will land in Italy and Greece over the next two years. This proposal aims to relieve the burden on southern states such as Italy and Greece, which are the main landing points. This is also an expression of solidarity with asylum seekers who have fled their homes because of life-threatening living conditions.

However, there is a significant wave of opposition, from both politicians and society, to the Commission's proposal, especially in countries which do not have experience with asylum seekers (Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, etc.). Naturally, people in these ethnically homogenous countries have a fear of the unknown and different. People do not have clear and transparent information about who these asylum seekers are and why they fled their homes. However, better information could be essential in reducing potential fear of the unknown and prejudice against asylum seekers.

1. How does the Commission intend to treat this information vacuum?
2. What is the backup plan if Member States hesitate to keep their promises to assume their responsibility of solidarity when resettling asylum seekers?