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to the Commission**

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Subject: Future package on legal economic migration

In March 2016, the Commission will bring forward a package on legal economic migration. This initiative represents a unique opportunity to go beyond the overly restrictive and fragmented approach of current policies. By concentrating specifically on highly skilled workers, Europe is failing to develop a comprehensive vision of legal migration.

Not only do legal channels need to be developed for professional migration, at all skill levels, but efforts also need to be made to incorporate into the labour market those foreign nationals who are already in the EU. Refugees, in particular, must be able to find work in order to facilitate their inclusion in society.

There is obvious added value for the Union and for social cohesion within its Member States in developing legal migration. Rather than reducing migration flows, let's start addressing the needs of our labour markets.

1. Could the Commission outline the details of this new package on legal migration?
2. Does it intend to develop a holistic approach to this vital issue, rather than concentrating on certain sectors and skills, as is the case now?
3. What does it intend to propose with a view to integrating refugees into European labour markets?