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Subject: Refugees and economic migrants

At the end of the Home Affairs Council of 26 January 2016, Commission First Vice-President Frans Timmermans declared that 60 % of the migrants who arrived in Europe in December 2015 were not refugees but economic migrants. Furthermore, the Member States are, one after the other, being forced to admit that the European system for the return of those refused asylum is simply not working and are accordingly seeking to tighten their border controls progressively in response to the overwhelming migrant influx.

What immediate measures will the Commission take to encourage Member States to return migrants whose asylum applications are clearly inadmissible?

Does the Commission intend to introduce new and more effective procedures for the return of migrants?