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to the Commission**

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Subject: Crimes committed by refugees

The European Union has been facing a refugee crisis for some time now. This has not only brought refugees but also led to a rise in crime in the Member States. Article 2 of the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees states that all refugees are required to conform to the laws of the country which accepts them. Article 33 states, furthermore, that a refugee who has been convicted by a final judgment of a particularly serious crime can be expelled. Sexual crimes, such as rape, and manslaughter and murder can be considered particularly serious crimes.

1. How will the EU deal with asylum seekers who have committed serious crimes?
2. Will the EU develop a common strategy to prevent crimes committed for reasons of hardship (theft, robbery, extortion)?