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to the Commission**
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The EU-Turkey agreement, thrashed out on Monday, 7 March 2016 in Brussels at the instigation of Angela Merkel, is meant to address the chaos surrounding the arrival of huge numbers of migrants in the EU. But the idea of sending all the migrants who have reached Greece, including Syrians, back to Turkey has given rise to serious misgivings among the French people.

Since the start of the Syrian conflict, Turkey has criticised the West – and the European Union in particular – for closing its borders to refugees and emphasised the point by highlighting the scale of its own contribution to dealing with the crisis.

Although ordinary Europeans welcome the measures the EU is proposing to avert the imminent threat of a humanitarian crisis, they are perfectly entitled to wonder how the EU Member States can enter into such an agreement at a time when they are so divided on the issue of how the 160 000 refugees in Italy and Greece will ultimately be distributed. If EUR 6 billion is being invested to close the Turkish route into the EU, how much more money will be needed to shut off the rest of the routes in the Mediterranean?

Against this background, how does the Commission plan to take meaningful, lasting measures to address the concerns of people in the EU Member States?