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Subject: Fate of immigrant minors in Europe

At the heart of the migration crisis, there is one subject that should particularly be a focus of concern for politicians. Children with a migrant background face a desperately difficult plight.

Of the children arriving in Europe via Italy, nine tenths are unaccompanied. UNICEF reckons that since May 2016 there has been an increase of 24% in the number of young people in the migrants' camps. Again according to UNICEF, of the 206 200 immigrants who have arrived in Europe by sea this year one third are minors. We have lost count of the number who simply disappear. At the start of the year, Europol stated that the police authorities had lost track of some 10 000 unaccompanied immigrant minors since their arrival on European soil.

The isolation of these children makes them easy prey for racketeering, assault and rape, at risk of being dragged into the underground of trafficking, prostitution and exploitation of all kinds, targets of criminal networks, both as victims and in some cases as players.

What specific action does the Commission plan to take in order to deal effectively with this human failure, a painful concomitant of its irresponsible migration policy?