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to the Commission**

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Subject: Low unemployment in Nigeria, Guinea and Bangladesh and return of 'economic' migrants

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)¹, 42.7 per cent of those arriving on the European continent by sea in 2017 have come from Nigeria, Bangladesh, Guinea, Mali and Eritrea. Nigeria is a country of 186 million people. Bangladesh has a population of 163 million. Together, these two countries have a larger population than Western Europe without the United Kingdom (350 versus 320 million)².

According to the International Labour Organization³, the unemployment rate in these countries is low: 4-6% for Nigeria and Bangladesh, 6-9% for Guinea, Mali and Eritrea. This rate therefore makes it possible to envisage, in the near future, a return to employment for the unemployed in these countries.

The number of unemployed in Nigeria and Bangladesh is estimated at 17 million. Their arrival in Europe could completely destabilise the labour market.

In view of the above, will the Commission say what percentage of citizens of these countries have been returned to their respective countries in 2015, 2016 and 2017 after their arrival in Europe?

¹ [Http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean](http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean) as of 30 June 2017.

² EU-12. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statistics_relating_to_enlargement_of_the_European_Union

³ http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/maps-and-charts/enhanced/WCMS_541385/lang--fr/index.htm