

**0075/2018**

**Petition No 0075/2018 by Georgios Mavrikos (Greek), on behalf of the association ‘The World Federation of Trade Unions’, on the difficult situation of migrant workers in Foggia, Italia**

The petitioner complains about the serious situation affecting many migrants who work in the fields at Rignano, near Foggia, Puglia, in Italy. He criticises the state of neglect of these seasonal migrant workers, who are exploited by landowners and forced to work in inhuman conditions, without union protection, and in deplorable sanitary and health conditions. He calls for an improvement in the conditions of these migrant workers, in particular with regard to accommodation, access to water, sanitation, social security and transport.

**Information**

- the petitioner attaches detailed report with photographic evidence of the migrant living conditions.

**Recommendations**

- declare admissible;
- ask the Commission for information;
- inform the petitioner that the Parliament and the Council approved Directive 2009/52/EC of 18 June 2009, which provides for minimum standards on sanctions and measures against employers of illegally staying third-country nationals;
- inform the petitioner that the Parliament is extremely sensitive to immigration and asylum issues, as highlighted, for example, in two of its Resolutions (P8\_TA(2016)0102) of 12 April 2016, on ‘the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration’, and (P8\_TA(2017)0124) of 5 April 2017 on ‘Addressing refugee and migrant movements: the role of EU external action’;
- explain to the petitioner that the Parliament is currently working, together with the Council, on a review of the proposals submitted by the Commission in 2016 to reform the Common European Asylum System, including the Dublin system;
- send the petitioner the following two recent Commission press releases, containing links to various information sheets: ‘Integration of migrants: the Commission presents a toolkit to help Member States make the best use of EU funds’ of 24 January 2018: [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-18-364\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-364_en.htm) and ‘Future-proof migration management: European Commission sets out way forward’ of 7 December 2017: [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-17-5132\\_it.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5132_it.htm);
- forward for information to the LIBE and EMPL committees.

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