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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the proposal to set up a 'Border Management Agency'

European Parliament resolution on the proposal to set up a 'Border Management Agency'

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure,
- A. expressing great concern at the human tragedies occurring in the Mediterranean every day as a result of boats crammed with poor people fleeing hunger, misery and persecution being shipwrecked,
- B. whereas these tragedies are the consequence of a new form of slavery devised by truly unscrupulous criminal organisations,
- C. convinced that governments complicit in this wretched trade use it to exert various forms of pressure on European governments,
- D. expressing appreciation of the Council's decision to create a European border management agency,
 1. Considers that a European multinational department should be set up to offer national police forces assistance and support in combating illegal immigration;
 2. Takes the view that the Council and the Commission should study the possibility of devising a satellite system to intercept the influx of illegal immigrants by sea;
 3. Considers that the Council should consider the possibility of suspending economic relations with countries which refuse to cooperate in signing agreements to control their borders and combat human trafficking;
 4. Calls on the Commission to propose to the Council the introduction of a European system for exchanging information on asylum, immigration and the countries of origin of migrants.