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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

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on asylum policy

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on asylum policy**

*The European Parliament,*

- A. whereas the wars and invasions which have been a feature of the history of humanity have led to countless instances of political, religious and ethnic persecution,
- B. whereas in the course of history individuals and entire groups have had to abandon their country of origin and seek asylum in a foreign country,
- C. whereas nowadays 'political refugees' have to flee war and religious, ethnic or political persecution while 'economic refugees' are driven to emigrate by poverty, destitution and harsh living conditions, forcing them into a situation of illegality which compounds and becomes synonymous with their position as refugees;
- D. whereas the Commission included in its work programme for 2002 projects relating to the definition of refugee status, reception procedures for asylum seekers and coordination methods in the field of immigration,
  - 1. Calls for the EU's external borders to be strengthened and for a European border control service to be set up;
  - 2. Calls for a common definition of the concept of political refugee to be established and for minimum requirements for granting asylum and for reception facilities to be determined;
  - 3. Calls for the Member State responsible for considering asylum requests to be determined;
  - 4. Calls for the term 'political refugee' to be defined, as distinct from 'displaced person';
  - 5. Calls for repatriation policies to be properly coordinated in order to ensure their effectiveness.