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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the disastrous traffic in illegal migrants

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas boatmen have, yet again, been responsible for the deaths of more than a score of illegal migrants off the Italian coast,
- B. whereas criminal associations are organising a racket in 'death trips',
- C. whereas in the last three months 14 949 illegal migrants reached land, making an increase of 33.9%,
 - 1. Calls on the Council and Commission to ask the governments of those countries of origin of these illegal human consignments with which they have economic relations to introduce specific legislation, including particularly severe penalties, to deal with the promoters and organisers of the traffic in illegal migrants, and to enable the confiscation of their assets and profits arising from this traffic and their payment into a fund for victims' families;
 - 2. Calls on the Council to ask the Member States to make full use of their existing legislation against criminal and terrorist organisations and mafia-type groups to combat the boatmen and traffickers involved;
 - 3. Calls for pressure to be put on the governments of Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia and Algeria, all of which are countries which were represented at the Helsinki meeting and are partners of the EU, to commit themselves to preventive action and to step up the activities of the Mediterranean Task Force.