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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

to wind up the debate on statements by the Council and Commission

pursuant to Rule 103(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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on the common immigration policy

**European Parliament resolution on the common immigration policy**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the 1999 Tampere and the 2004 Hague Programmes on the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice,
  - having regard to Rule 103(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU, and in particular the countries situated on its Southern borders, are facing tremendous problems linked with massive illegal immigration flows,
  - B. whereas an effective common immigration policy does not exist,
  - C. whereas the costs resulting from assisting hundreds of immigrants in desperate conditions are extremely high and cannot be supported by the host countries on their own,
  - D. whereas illegal immigration can lead to human exploitation and forced labour, as happened during the summer of 2006 in the province of Foggia in Italy, where criminal organisations forced dozens of migrants arriving in particular from Poland to work in the fields in inhuman conditions,
1. Firmly believes that until a common immigration policy is set up, all Member States must respect their obligations under EU and international law as regards both legal and illegal immigration;
  2. Considers that a valid European immigration policy should encompass rigorous measures to combat illegal immigration such as securing external borders and making agreements with countries of origin, introducing an effective return policy and, at the same time, exploring all possibilities to assimilate newcomers more effectively and put in place a real integration policy;
  3. Believes that a consistent integration policy should foresee, together with civil rights, a deep knowledge of the host country and respect for its laws and identity in order to contribute to the community;
  4. Welcomes the start of activities by the 'Frontex' EU Agency for external borders but calls on Member States to make more resources available to it;
  5. Considers that the European Union is no place for using people for forced labour and that Member States need to ensure that practices such as 'labour camps' do not exist;
  6. Believes that sharing of the financial burden between Member States must be an integral part of any European approach;
  7. Believes therefore that countries should be given access to the technical assistance and

funding provided for under the ARGO programme, the European Refugee Fund, the European External Borders Fund, the European Integration Fund and the European Return Fund for the period 2007-2013;

8. Affirms the importance of enhancing economic and social cooperation with the countries of origin by creating more opportunities in developing countries, not least to avoid a massive brain drain;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the 25 EU Member States.