MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on progress on the UN global Compacts for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and on Refugees (2018/2642(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on progress on the UN Global Compacts for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and on Refugees (2018/2642(RSP))

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Zero Draft of the UN ‘Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration’ of 5 February 2018,

– having regard to the statement by the UN Secretary-General on 11 January 2018 on ‘Making migration work for all’, which served as input for the Zero Draft,

– having regard to the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of 17 April 2018 on the progress on the UN Global Compacts for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and on Refugees,

– having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas the UN describes migration as a desirable and unstoppable phenomenon without recognising the harmful and dangerous consequences thereof;

B. whereas current migration flows create parallel cultural societies, characterised by isolation and inequality which have long-term socio-economic and cultural repercussions in the host state;

C. whereas the UN Secretary-General is proposing to decriminalise illegal border crossings and is thereby violating the sovereign right of nation states to determine their national criminal law;

D. whereas, according to Eurostat and the UNHCR, the EU welcomed 3.6 million migrants between 2014 and 2017;

E. whereas terrorist attacks, violent crimes, assaults, sexual abuse and rape have multiplied since the mass influx of illegal migrants;

1. Reminds the Commission and the Council that Article 2(1) of the UN Charter lays down the sovereign equality of nation states and that the EU’s involvement in this area should therefore be rejected;

2. Recalls that migration policy is a core competence of the Member States;

3. Emphasises that national border control is a fundamental element of sovereignty and should remain the nation states’ own responsibility;

4. Recalls that the principal role of nation states is to protect, assist and represent their own

citizens;

5. Stresses the importance of assisting bona fide asylum seekers and returning those who do not qualify for refugee status to their country of origin;

6. Deplores that the right to asylum is now another migration path rather than an international protection tool, and invites the Member States, therefore, to revise the current asylum policy, in order to adhere to the original spirit of the 1951 Geneva Convention;

7. Reminds the Commission and the Council that it is the prerogative of each sovereign state to decide on the status of economic migrants;

8. Stresses the need to explicitly include in the UN Global Compact text that it is a non-binding state-led procedure that cannot provide a basis for the creation of international law;

9. Invites the international community to take effective steps to eliminate the business model of smugglers by not introducing obligatory distribution and to combat radicalisation and organised crime;

10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission / High-Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.