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on the constant flow of illegal immigrants and refugees into the European Union

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Declaration on the constant flow of illegal immigrants and refugees into the European Union

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the constant flow of illegal immigrants and refugees into the European Union is threatening to undermine any serious and effective immigration policy on the part of either the EU or the Member States;
 - B. stressing that the massive influx of illegal immigrants is continuing along the traditional routes in eastern Europe and the Mediterranean basin, as well as in areas such as the Canary Islands for which this is a new development,
 - C. concerned at the serious and constant human rights violations in third countries,
 - D. convinced of the need to shape a genuine, effective policy to control the international organised crime which is running illegal immigration networks without scruples of any kind, and which is speculating with the personal and collective tragedies of entire peoples,
- 1. Urges the Commission to:
 - make provision for a series of financial contributions enabling the Member States to create temporary reception structures for refugees and illegal immigrants;
 - draw up an action plan based on experience with the arrival of large numbers of illegal immigrants and refugees in eastern Europe, across the Mediterranean and in the Canary Islands;
 - set in motion effective measures, through cooperation with the local police and the presence of Member State police forces on the spot, to intercept and prevent the departure of vessels transporting illegal immigrants and refugees;
 - 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Commission.