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on the tragedy of illegal immigrants shipwrecked in the Mediterranean

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to Article 61(a) and (b) of the EC Treaty,
 - expressing serious concern at the human tragedy involving illegal immigrants in the Mediterranean,
 - expressing its appreciation of the Council's intention to set up a European Border Management Agency,
1. Proposes the creation of a European multinational department to provide assistance and support to national police forces in combating illegal immigration;
 2. Calls on the Council and the Commission to examine the possibility of a satellite system to intercept illegal immigrants arriving by sea;
 3. Asks the Commission to examine the possibility of suspending economic relations with countries which refuse to cooperate, by signing agreements, in carrying out border controls and combating human trafficking;
 4. Calls on the Commission to propose to the Council the introduction of a European system for the exchange of information on asylum, immigration and countries of origin;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Commission and the Council.