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to the Commission

Subject: Measures to tackle the Ulysses syndrome

The psychological upheavals which immigrants are more and more prone to, due to the very difficult obstacle course they have to run in their search for a better life, constitute an emergent health problem in societies where there are large numbers of immigrants.

The Ulysses syndrome, or the syndrome of immigrants suffering from chronic or multiple stress, is unleashed by a series of blows involving the individual's loss of such existentially important points of reference as family and friends, native culture and land, social position and physical safety.

Is the Commission aware of the existence of this phenomenon, its seriousness and its importance, and does it therefore intend to put forward legislative measures to tackle it?