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to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Eliminating the pull factor for immigration

So far as I am aware, no comprehensive survey has yet been conducted of the social factors that encourage economic migrants to come to our countries, and yet such a survey is indispensable in order to make it possible to draw up a practical plan for eliminating the pull factor which powers immigration.

This is the right time to look around and establish how the principal countries of destination attract migrants. The solution is not to reinstate internal borders or build fences. It is necessary to do away with the loopholes in social security systems. In Europe's leading economies, those systems are full of loopholes, and immigrants are well aware of them. It is not without reason that Slovakia is not the destination of choice for these people, because it is possible to lead a very pleasant life on the assistance and benefits available in Western Europe. So long as these systems unconditionally guarantee social security to non-European citizens, there will be no possible way of deterring the masses of immigrants from setting out on their journeys.

Will the Commission draw up a detailed report on the factors which stimulate migration, and particularly on the benefits paid to non-European citizens by the Member States' social security systems?

When will the Commission draw up a practical action plan to eliminate these incentives for immigration?

Will the Commission review Regulations 883/2004/EC and 859/2003/EC so that benefits from the Member States' social security systems are payable only to third-country nationals who are legally resident within the EU and have legitimate registered addresses there and to those who have already been granted refugee status?