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to the Commission**

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Subject: Sexual abuse of refugees

On Saturday 24 October the UNHCR reported that refugee women and children were being forced to have sex with traffickers, sometimes in payment for their journey.

According to the UNHCR spokesperson, such sexual abuse is taking place in each and every transit country, i.e. countries such as Italy, Greece, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Hungary and Slovakia, amongst others.

While it is the responsibility of the police forces of the Member States to prosecute these crimes, in the Commission's view, given the transnational nature of some networks of traffickers, could any measures be taken at EU level to improve coordination between national security forces and help to identify members of these networks and make it easier to arrest and try them?