

ORAL QUESTION H-0207/06
for Question Time at the part-session in April 2006
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: The situation in the Calais region due to the Schengen Agreements

The Schengen Agreements and the British Government's decisions relating to them are creating a shocking situation in the Calais region. A constant flow of more than 200 migrants, fleeing war and misery, who are victims of international mafias which traffic in persons, converges on the Calais region, in the hope of reaching England. This situation is, first of all, intolerable for the migrants, who live in appalling conditions. It also makes unreasonable demands on the local population and causes considerable economic damage, with a very adverse impact on employment. The European Union is entirely responsible for this state of affairs.

What will the Commission do to put an end to this disastrous situation, to assist migrants who are victims of all manner of mafias, and to remedy the economic damage to the Calais region?

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