



RESOLUTION:

Turkey and Illegal Migration

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Recognizing that:

- EU-Turkey migration deal succeeds in reaching its objectives, but has simultaneously strengthened Erdogan's hand, both in internal and external matters.
- The Turkish government increasingly turns away from both the European Union and her NATO allies.
- The governments of France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Niger and Chad have proposed to improve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to tackle illegal human trafficking.

Acknowledging that:

- The Turkish government has knowingly and willingly damaged relations with both EU member states and NATO allies.
- The Turkish government has exerted unacceptable pressure to derail the Cypriot peace process.
- Cooperation with other partners, be it in combating the root causes of migration or be it in providing safe havens for asylum seekers on the route to Europe, may be preferable to the current situation.

YEPP calls on:

- The European Commission and the European Council to, on the one hand, conclude more deals with third countries as to reduce illegal migration and provide legal avenues for asylum seekers.
- The European Commission and the European Council to, on the other hand, find solutions for asylum seekers from Iraq and Syria which do not rely on the Turkish government for a successful implementation.
- The European Commission and the European Council to increase cooperation with Lebanon that implemented an efficient and fair model of resettlement of Syrian and Iraqi refugees.
- The EU Institutions and the EU Member States to confront the League of Arab States, in particular the Gulf countries, with the issue of asylum seekers fleeing from ISIS in order to open new destinations for refugees resettlement.
- The European Council to agree on, and execute, a fair resettlement system for those asylum seekers who are admitted to the European Union and continue with efforts to reform the Dublin Convention.
- The European Council and the United Nations to grant the UNHCR and the EEAS a leading role in the selection and resettlement of refugees through safe havens and third countries.