



RESOLUTION:

**CREATE A EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY TOWARDS EU COUNTRIES FACING THE AFTERMATH OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AT THEIR BORDERS**

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**Recognising:**

- YEPP adopted a resolution on Europe and migration in Caserta in February 2011 aimed towards coordinating a European Migratory Policy;
- The safeguarding of human life, the respect for human dignity, and a solid legal framework should be the principles underlying immigration policy;
- In 2013, some 317,840 people were refused entry to the EU, which constitutes a slight increase of 0.6% from 2012, with the vast majority (66%) being refused in Spain;
- In 2014, according to EU commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos, 276,000 illegal immigrants entered the EU, a huge increase of 138% from 2013;
- That there are frontline states facing more important illegal immigration than other Member States.

**Acknowledging:**

- A huge number of illegal immigrants entering the Schengen Area want to reach the United Kingdom;
- Less than 5% of the 3000 illegal immigrants gathered in Calais applied for asylum in France;
- That not only countries on the external borders of the EU are facing the challenges and difficulties caused by illegal immigration.
- Countries across the Channel, particularly France, which receive a massive number of illegal immigrants, face a significant impact on their local economies. In the Calais area, businesses lost 30% of their sales in the last number of months. Moreover, new businesses are afraid of illegal migrants and give up their new projects in these areas;
- These countries must face the economic and humanitarian aftermath of the whole European illegal immigration by their own means, without help from other European countries.

**YEPP calls on:**

- The EU to create a common support fund between its Member States to help countries facing illegal immigration at their borders and its aftermath;
- This support fund should provide equipment to illegal immigrants that guarantees health, shelter, safety and nutrition in order to respect human dignity;
- The Member States to strengthen the fight against illegal immigration networks. Particularly, through implementing laws requiring employers within Member States to verify the immigration status of their country nationals before offering employment.