



## Resolution

### **A continued humanitarian crisis at the Southern EU border; a European problem**

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in Bucharest on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013

#### **Recognising:**

- Today, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, an immense human tragedy occurred involving more or less 500 immigrants. At least 200 people have died and 200 are missing after the boat carrying them sank off the Italian island of Lampedusa;
- The UN stated that almost 500 people were reported dead or missing at sea during 2012 in attempts to reach Europe.

#### **Acknowledging:**

- Over the years there have been numerous disasters involving migrants off Lampedusa, but seldom on anything like this scale;
- This last incident is the symbol of an uncontrollable migratory wave to the Schengen area that cannot be faced by single Member States but need more support from the entire European Union;

#### **YEPP calls on:**

- The European Union and the External Action Service to recognize the urgency of an europeanisation of the migration system, implicating more resources and tools to avoid further disasters in the Southern EU borders;
- The European Institutions to help with concrete measures the countries facing emergencies linked to migrations, strengthening already existing agencies like FRONTEX;
- To further EU discussions throughout the upcoming Greek Presidency on burden sharing aimed at relocating third countries with asylum protection;

- To intensify and in some cases initiate negotiations with countries of origin, such as Somalia and Eritrea, with the aim of including readmission agreements;
- The EPP group to put the immigration issue and the linked European response in the agenda of the party's debate that will take place in Strasbourg next week.

YEPP expresses its condolences to the family victims and moral support to the citizens of Lampedusa that are still helping the survived migrants.