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to the Commission
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Subject: The ‘Rwanda plan’ as an innovative solution for tackling illegal migration

Many Member States are considering the ‘Rwanda plan’ for transferring asylum seekers to safe third countries. Clearly, the political will repeatedly expressed at the ballot box by European citizens, against illegal migration, may help to overcome the legal objections.

The Hungarian Presidency of the Council proposed drawing up third-country agreements with the Sahel countries Chad, Mauritania and Senegal.

Shortly before her re-election, the President of the European Commission spoke of ‘innovative national strategies to tackle illegal migration’, and it is crucial to make good use of all ideas to tackle illegal entry in the most effective way.

It should be emphasised that it is in the interests of, for example, Arabic-speaking illegal migrants that they should be transferred to an Arabic-speaking country so that they can integrate as quickly as possible into the labour market. Otherwise, we are talking about a waste of time and resources, along with the impact on European citizens’ feeling of security.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission consider that it would be useful to collaborate with countries, regions and cities outside the EU that would be willing to take in asylum seekers or illegal migrants who at present are illegally on European soil, so that agreements can easily be reached for transferring them to those destinations?

2. Does the Commission see a need for cooperation within the framework of the International Organisation for Migration, with a view to registering countries willing to admit Africans and Asians who would want to enter the EU illegally?

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