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to the Commission
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Subject: Managing the influx of migration to the Canary Islands

In 2024, a total of 46 843 migrants landed in the Canary Islands, up 17.4 % from 2023. This situation highlights the limitations of the migration policies and external border controls in the European Union. Ángel Víctor Torres, Spain's Minister for Territorial Policy, has admitted that this wave of migration is overloading the reception and accommodation facilities. Faced with such a high number of arrivals, the local authorities even stated that they were no longer able to look after unaccompanied migrant children.

Meanwhile, Pedro Sánchez's Socialist Government has adopted a reform aimed at regularising 300 000 illegal immigrants per year. This measure will merely serve to encourage potential immigrants, allow the smuggling networks to grow even stronger and put more human lives at risk.

1. What additional resources will Frontex be given to combat smuggling networks?

2. Does the Commission intend to strengthen the readmission agreements with the countries of origin to facilitate returns and deter illegal departures?

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