



General Assembly

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Regarding the Migrant Crisis in Europe and the Middle East

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned by the ongoing migrant crisis in Europe and the Middle East, affecting the lives and safety of refugees fleeing their countries of origin due to geopolitical conflict,

Disturbed by the prevalence of refugees being consistently denied passage at borders into surrounding countries, as well as the many cases of individuals who have died attempting to seek refuge in European countries,

Noting that just 10 countries host almost two-thirds of the world's refugees, with Turkey alone hosting 3.5 million refugees,

Appreciating the strain caused by mass resettlement of migrants on the ability of European nations to successfully absorb refugees into their society, with regard to employment, healthcare, housing, education, and other departments of life,

Fully aware of the contributions by the European Union in assisting refugees in Greece through the provision of shelter, food, and education, in partnership with humanitarian aid organizations,

Concerned by the uneven distribution of refugees as they arrive in European nations, specifically the high concentrations in Greece and Italy, and the failure of States to achieve recent resettlement goals,

Cognizant of the continuing efforts of the United Nations Refugee Agency to provide humanitarian assistance and advocacy to persons displaced by conflict and disaster in the Middle East,

Reaffirming that the influx of migrants, though currently decreasing, still poses a significant challenge with 139 300 refugees entering Europe through Spain and Greece in 2018 alone,

Emphasizing that refugees and migrants are entitled to the same universal human rights and fundamental freedoms, which must be respected, protected, and fulfilled at all times,

1. *Urges* EU States to abide by the EU's Dublin Regulation governing asylum policy;
2. *Further urges* Member States to accept more refugees and asylum seekers through their borders, especially in Europe, through wider agreement to the Schengen Plan or in following suit by creating similar plans and protocols;
3. *Calls upon* Member States to increase funding to the United Nations Refugee Agency in order to effectively meet the needs of the crisis;
4. *Calls for* the short term creation of a centralized task force with the purpose of providing support to countries through:
 - (a) Assisting UNHCR in the coordination of third country resettlement efforts between nations;
 - (b) The research and promotion of effective and responsible methods of social, economic, and cultural integration;
5. *Condemns* refusal by Member States to accept and integrate migrants affected by this crisis;
6. *Recommends* opening more legal pathways for migration on the basis of realistic analyses of labour market needs, to discourage irregular migration and lead to fewer deaths, less abuse of irregular migrants by smugglers and less exploitation of irregular migrants by unscrupulous employers.

Submitter: Greece

Seconder: Serbia

Negator: Denmark