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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Regarding the Migrant Crisis in Europe

The Human Rights Council,

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

Disturbed by the high number of refugees being denied passage 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, 4.3% of its population,

Appreciating the strain caused by mass resettlement of migrants on European nations, with regard to employment, healthcare, housing, education, and other areas of life,

Fully aware of the contributions by the European Union in assisting refugees in Greece through the provision of €700 million for 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,

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 and protected at all times,

1. *Urges* EU States to revise the Dublin Regulation governing asylum policy, in order to:
 - (a) Better distribute refugee claimants;
 - (b) Create greater legal pathways to asylum to decrease irregular migration;
 - (c) Decrease migrant exploitation by unscrupulous employers;
 - (d) Match labour needs of countries with migrant qualifications;
2. *Further urges* Member States to accept at least 5% of their population as refugees and asylum seekers, especially in Europe, through wider agreement to the Schengen Plan or through the creation of similar 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.

Submitter: Switzerland

Seconded: Sweden

Negator: Italy