



# Martingrove Model United Nations

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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:** Netherlands

**Seconded:** Belgium

**Negator:** France