

COMMITTEE: Social & Cultural

QUESTION OF: The Refugee Problem in Mediterranean Region

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The General Assembly,

Aware of the immense migration of people as a consequence of the so-called Arab Spring, now mostly Egyptian, Syrian and Libyan,

Emphasizing that European Union and also other Mediterranean countries are now not in a condition to accept the larger amount of refugees due to the ongoing economic realities,

Having studied that more than 67,000 people crossed the Mediterranean in 2008 and many more people did it after the Arab Spring in which some crossed into Europe from Africa illegally and some died at sea, making this problem even worse,

Acknowledging that in within 48 hours on the 9 and 10 June, at least 2,500 refugees fled from Syria to Turkey that offered them shelter which gives an example of the massive amount of the refugees nowadays,

Conscious of the differences between the political refugees and the economical refugees,

1. Calls for active development aid in the countries of origin of the refugees in order to make the countries more attractive for living,
 - a. This would help and motivate the refugees to come back to their homeland eventually,
 - b. We call for active intergovernmental talks between the homelands of the refugees and the countries who accept them;
2. Asks for developing an international naval rescue team in the Mediterranean region as requested previously by UNHCR,
 - a. These naval rescue teams and ships would be provided by the Mediterranean states concerned,
 - b. Asks NATO states and any other country with a navy force to consider providing their ships and navy as well;
3. Emphasizes the necessity of distinguishing between economical and political reasons for immigration,
 - a. This means that the people in a danger of persecution in their homeland wouldn't be forced to go back;
4. Urges all the refugees from the unstable regions to return to their original countries in case the political situation has become stable again,
 - a. These people would be aware of the fact that they are only accepted for a limited period of time which is necessary for their safety,

- b. This period would vary depending on a country of the refugee's origin however it would not be less than 5 years;
- 5. Encourages governments to provide support to political refugees such as allowing them to keep their profession if possible;
- 6. Invites all member states to maintain several specific sessions and conferences which would inform the public of the states involved about the issue in order to increase the public awareness;
- 7. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.