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*In accordance with Article 2 of the Treaty of the European Union, which stipulates that the Union is founded on values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, delegations will find attached a corrected draft of the conclusions prepared by the President of the European Council.*

**I. MIGRATION**

1. The European Council reconfirms that a precondition for a functioning EU policy on migration is ~~effective control of the external borders~~ **shared responsibility and close cooperation between the European Union and its member states**. Since 2015 a number of measures have been put in place to achieve that objective. ~~As a result, the number of detected illegal border crossings into the EU has been brought down by 95% from its peak in October 2015.~~ **Relocation measures were agreed and implemented and a new package of asylum measures were proposed to address gaps in quality reception and procedures and reform the Dublin system.**
2. The European Council is determined to ~~continue and reinforce this policy to prevent a return to~~ **achieve full preparedness in the face of people fleeing the horrors of war or seeking a better life** ~~the uncontrolled flows of 2015 and to further reduce illegal immigration on all routes~~. As regards the Central Mediterranean route, efforts to stop ~~smugglers~~ **human traffickers** operating out of Libya should be further intensified. The EU will continue to stand by Italy in this respect, and will ~~step up its support~~ **ensure that support** for the Libyan Coastguard, coastal and Southern communities, **is leading to dismantling the**



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system of arbitrary detention in the country, humane reception conditions, and voluntary humanitarian returns and meaningful resettlement and that all such actions are in line with international obligations.

3. As regards the Eastern Mediterranean Route, more efforts are needed to ensure quality reception conditions, granting access to fair and efficient asylum procedures, enabling refugees to exercise their rights, in accordance with the asylum-related benchmarks of accession of Western Balkan countries. - swift returns and prevent the development of new sea or land routes. Cooperation with, and support for partners in the region remain key. As regards the Western Mediterranean route, the EU will continue to support all efforts by Member States and key third countries to prevent illegal put human rights of migrants and refugees at the centre of their cooperation on migration.
4. In order to establish a more predictable framework for dealing with those who nevertheless set out to sea and are rescued in Search And Rescue Operations, the European Council supports the development of the concept of regional disembarkation platforms agreements in close cooperation with UNHCR and IOM. Such platforms These agreements should uphold the obligations of the Law of the Sea and provide for rapid processing to distinguish between economic migrants and those in need of international protection assistance and solutions for those disembarked. and To reduce the incentive to embark on perilous journeys expanded opportunities for resettlement and complementary pathways for refugees and migrants should be established. No agreement on disembarkation can be reached unless adequate and sustainable resettlement places are offered by EU member states in advance.
5. The European Council will also strengthen EU external instruments on migration in the context of the negotiations on the next Multiannual Financial Framework, in particular so as to ensure effective cooperation with countries of origin and transit. To this end, the external components of the internal, border, asylum and migration funds should include a dedicated external migration management window specifically geared towards stemming irregular strengthening protection systems in third countries, improve responsibility sharing and effectively and humanely managing migration flows.
6. Concerning the situation internally in the EU, sharing responsibility, promoting equivalent protection and reception standards, and ensuring stricter enforcement of family reunion rights will address most secondary movements of asylum seekers between Member States which put the integrity of the Asylum System severely at risk. Member States should take all necessary internal legislative and administrative measures to ensure quality reception conditions and procedures counter such movements and closely



cooperate amongst each other to this end.

7. As regards internal migration policy much progress has also been achieved thanks to the tireless efforts of the Bulgarian and previous Presidencies, **the six European Parliament groups representing 180 national parties and civil society stakeholders. ~~[p.m. Dublin]~~ The European Council commits to support a very swift completion of the reform of the Common European Asylum System and a reform of the Dublin Regulation, which includes structurally an effective solidarity mechanism and effective enforcement of family reunion rights.**

