**FORUM:** Human Rights Council

**QUESTION OF:** Protecting the universal human rights of illegal migrants

**SUBMITTED BY:** Human Rights Watch

**CO-SUMBITTED BY:** Albania, Benin, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Finland, France, Hungary, Interpol, Japan, Kazakhstan, Palestine, Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Ukraine, UNHCR

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL,

*Defining* an illegal immigrant as someone who lives or works in a foreign country without the legal right to do so,

*Identifying* frontline countries as countries with a shore to the Mediterranean Sea,

*Realizing* that a lot of immigrants receive information about countries they plan to settle in solely through rumor instead of facts,

*Congratulating* the European Union on their decision to create 100,000 new spaces for refugees in reception centers,

*Deeply concerned* that several thousands of immigrants have died crossing the Mediterranean Sea,

*Emphasizing* Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) which states that human rights extend universally to all people “without distinction of any kind”,

*Taking into consideration* the Dublin regulation of 1990 which obligates refugees and immigrants to stay in the country in which they first arrived upon entering Europe,

*Noting* that a large percentage of immigrants use countries such as Hungary only as a means of passage to get through to countries in Central Europe, such as Germany,

1. Encourages the creation of further reception centers in Africa and the Middle East in order to put an end to the struggles faced by immigrants crossing the Mediterranean Sea;
2. Recommends countries of the world to abandon plans of building fences and walls with the intention of keeping immigrants out;
3. Proposes increased help for immigrants crossing the Mediterranean Sea by:
   1. encouraging relevant NGO’s to set up their own help centers,
   2. employing trained professionals who will help immigrants who have been injured during their travel across the Mediterranean Sea,
   3. increasing the budget of the coast guard of relevant countries,
   4. launching mass marine rescue operations;
4. Requests that reception centers offer information to immigrants about Europe’s immigration laws and information about the various countries in Europe, allowing immigrants to make an informed decision on where they will settle;
5. Calls for relevant NGO’s with bases in countries with high levels of emigration to inform immigrants about the dangers of crossing the Mediterranean Sea and encourage these immigrants to avoid human trafficking boats;
6. Hopes that countries facing a large number of unwanted immigrants treat these immigrants with respect to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and urges these countries to condemn pepper spraying, tear gassing, beating, and other abusive treatments of immigrants who are simply attempting to cross a border;
7. Further recommends a new system to be implemented, which would replace the Dublin regulation and would ensure that immigrants may seek asylum in the country of their preference rather than the one they first entered;
8. Wishes for member states to offer free primary education, including free language lessons, for the children of illegal migrants to:
   1. free their parents’ time:
      1. for these parents to be able to find jobs to support their families without having to worry about their child’s safety,
      2. for these parents to be able to settle down properly in the host country without many child care-taking distractions,
   2. learn the host country’s language and be able to communicate properly throughout their stay in the country;
9. Suggests increased border patrol through the techniques of:
   1. providing aid to Frontex and similar organizations,
   2. assuring a coherent asylum procedure,
   3. providing assistance in migration management to the countries of entry,
   4. ensure migrants undergo specific documentation procedures.