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Subject: Migration crisis in Europe

The crisis caused by migration in the Mediterranean region has focused attention on the most urgent needs of the Member States. It has also demonstrated that the current migration policy has failed to rise to the challenges it faces. According to the most recent information on migration obligations, Denmark has decided to back out of its pledge to accept a fixed number of refugees. The Danish Prime Minister, Lars Løkke Rasmussen, stated that the pledge is out of date, since the condition for accepting refugees was being able to manage their inflows – a problem that has still not been addressed.

However, looking to the future, the policy guidelines set out by Jean-Claude Juncker have been transformed in the European Agenda on Migration into a set of cohesive and mutually reinforcing initiatives focusing on four pillars aimed at improving migration management in every respect. These pillars are:

- Reducing the incentives for irregular migration;
 - Border management: saving lives and securing the external borders;
 - Obliging Europe to provide protection: a strong, common asylum policy;
 - A new policy on legal migration.
1. In the Commission's view, how will the Agenda ensure an effective common European asylum system in the future? Does the Commission foresee the establishment of a single decision-making process on asylum?
 2. What further steps does the Commission foresee with regard to migration policy?