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Subject: Humanitarian support for migrants on their way to Europe as winter approaches

Frontex has estimated that almost 800 000 migrants have entered the European Union illegally since the start of 2015. Another million migrants are waiting in Libya to cross the Mediterranean or are already on their way.

The migrants, mostly left to their own devices despite the policies which have been put in place, are stranded in slums where they survive in deplorable and insanitary conditions. One example is at Calais, in France, where some 6 000-7 000 migrants live in the 'jungle'.

These situations come about because of messages put out both by the European Union and by some Member States which have given a huge boost to illegal immigration: the quota policy, speeches on unconditional reception of migrants and the readiness of Germany to receive 800 000 migrants before it urgently closed its border when it was overwhelmed by the wave which it had created.

As winter approaches, migrants surviving in the slums or on their way to Europe need an urgent humanitarian response.

Against this background, what immediate steps does the Commission plan to take, in conjunction with the Member States, to put an end to these situations which are unworthy of the continent of human rights?