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to the Commission
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Subject: Commission warning to Croatia

In taking its latest decisions concerning infringement of the law on account of failure to fully transpose and implement the common European asylum system, the Commission is attempting to shift the blame for the destructive consequences of the migrant crisis by passing the buck to Member States.

To date nearly half a million migrants have passed through Croatia. The people concerned do not come from Croatia's immediate environs, and it is also clear that they first set foot on EU soil in some other place, and not in Croatia. Any penalties imposed on Croatia would therefore be completely unwarranted and tantamount to bullying a sovereign state.

Despite being so quick to issue warnings, the fact remains that the Commission has been caught totally unprepared by the greatest humanitarian and security crisis in Europe since the Serbian aggression against sovereign states following the breakup of Yugoslavia.

It is equally a fact that the Member States protecting EU external borders have to all intents and purposes been left to cope on their own, and they should not be admonished and punished by those who have failed to help them deal with a crisis that has assumed cataclysmic proportions, largely as a result of bad Commission policy.

Will the Commission alter its asylum and migration policies to make them match the capacities of Member States and the wishes of EU citizens?