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## Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges

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*In the draft resolution, replace paragraph 5 with the following paragraph:*

"The co-operation between the European Union and transit countries should provide for long-term solutions for the following problems. Large numbers of migrants may find themselves in a situation of precariousness and vulnerability in the transit countries, without legal status or protection or access to basic needs and therefore are at risk of exploitation, abuse and violence. This is especially the case where domestic legal systems contain insufficient safeguards and do not effectively implement relevant international standards, including those of the 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees. Conditions may become so intolerable that even those who had not intended doing so are constrained to move on, often forced into the hands of migrant smugglers or traffickers."

### *Explanatory note*

Until the root causes of migration are dealt with, the externalisation of borders cannot be avoided. The co-operation with transit countries should envisage finding realistic, long-term solutions to the migration crisis. In this context the European Council has accorded 1 billion Euro for immediate assistance to transit countries.

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