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How to encourage the migration of international students across Europe

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Alexander [The Earl of] DUNDEE and other members of the Assembly

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This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

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According to statistics, the number of foreign students and graduates in Council of Europe member States has been systematically declining over recent years.

Regrettably, the way statistics are collected and presented in the majority of countries does not allow for the distinguishing of students and graduates from other categories of migrants. Furthermore, the present discussions on the refugee crisis result in a tendency to overlook this question which has serious consequences for some universities and economies.

Indeed, this decrease in numbers has many consequences. Firstly, there is a growing shortage of graduates in certain subjects and many employers have difficulties in the recruitment of certain specialists. Secondly, in some countries, for example the United Kingdom, universities and employers are anxious to recruit international students and graduates.

Therefore, the Parliamentary Assembly should encourage public authorities internationally to promote student and graduate movement. Migration statistics should thus also distinguish this component in its own right.

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