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The implications of Brexit for migration

Motion for a resolution

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The decision of British voters on 23 June 2016 to leave the European Union has provoked serious concerns amongst the migrant population in the United Kingdom, in particular undocumented migrants, and the 3.6 million people who come from European Union countries. The consequences of Brexit will also affect the situation of the 1.2 million British nationals who live and work in European Union countries.

These concerns are related first of all to the right to work for migrants living in the United Kingdom and British citizens living in European Union countries, as well as to their right of residence, right of family reunification, right to social security and health care and the right to a pension.

The firm intention of the British Government to reduce migration will most likely target low and middle-skilled labour migration. There is also evidence of an increase in the number of refusals on bureaucratic grounds by the British authorities of residence and naturalisation for non-European citizens.

Migration-related issues are placed high on the agenda of the present negotiations on the terms of future relations between the United Kingdom and the European Union. The Parliamentary Assembly should therefore call on the British Government and the European Union and its member States to ensure that the human rights of migrants will be respected in all decisions resulting from the post-Brexit negotiations, in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights, and that the situation of migrants will not be used as a bargaining chip.

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