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# A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling

**Reply to Recommendation**[1]: Recommendation 2283 (2024)
Committee of Ministers

1. The Committee of Ministers has carefully examined Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2283 (2024) "A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling" and forwarded it to the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) for information and possible comments. It welcomes the Assembly's support in fulfilling the commitment made in the Reykjavík Declaration to combating the smuggling of migrants while respecting human rights and supporting frontline States.

2. The Committee is pleased to inform the Assembly that it recently examined the report of the CDPC on the need for and feasibility of a possible new Council of Europe instrument on the smuggling of migrants and instructed the Secretariat to prepare accordingly an amendment to the CDPC's terms of reference for the period 2026-2027 to conclude the drafting of a Committee of Ministers' recommendation in the field of smuggling of migrants. In carrying out this work, consideration will be given to the Assembly's specific proposals in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its recommendation.

3. Finally, the Committee of Ministers recalls the ongoing implementation of its Action Plan on Fighting the Smuggling of Migrants, focusing on investigative challenges, mutual legal assistance, and enhanced co-operation among source, transit and destination countries. This includes the establishment of the Council of Europe Network of Prosecutors on Migrant Smuggling and the publication of national migration profiles.

1. Adopted at the 1527th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (30 April 2025).