

PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION [2.1.] OF THE UEF CONGRESS “MIGRATION AND ASYLUM”
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- 1 Considering that the question of migration and asylum is one of the most fundamental issues in
2 current European and global politics, one that will define the outcome of the European elections of
3 2019;
- 4 Considering that migratory affairs are being exploited by the far-right, the worst enemy of European
5 federalism and cosmopolitanism, and that pro-European parties and organizations must assume their
6 responsibility to propose an effective and humane response that prevents social fragmentation and
7 the rise of hatred
- 8 Considering that from a Federalist perspective, on the basis of European and global citizenship, the
9 right to move can only be conceived as a fundamental right;
- 10 Considering that borders are a temporary fiction, the result of the nationalist dogma;
- 11 Considering that migration is a structural trend that cannot be stopped and should be properly
12 managed and regulated;
- 13 Considering that Europe is in need of migration in order to stop the demographic winter, address
14 labour shortages in many countries and sectors, sustain retirement systems and prevent cultural
15 atrophy;
- 16 Considering that helping refugees fleeing from persecution, wars, and Human Rights violations is a
17 fundamental moral and legal obligation that must be unconditionally fulfilled by the Union and all
18 Member States without exception;
- 19 Considering that the best way to prevent irregular border crossings and dangerous journeys across
20 the Mediterranean is to provide safe and legal routes for refugees and migrants and the possibility
21 to apply for asylum in the countries of origin;
- 22 Considering the Europe-Africa Alliance proposed by president Juncker in September 2018;
- 23 Concerned by the illegal actions undertaken against migrants and aid workers by the governments
24 of Italy and Malta, particularly but not only, regarding the closure of ports for refuelling and
25 disembarking, which have provoked an increase of deaths at sea since June 2018;
- 26 **The UEF Federal Committee:**
- 27 ▪ Calls for the development of a positive political discourse on migration, based on real data
28 and highlighting the philosophical foundations of free movement and its social, economic
29 and cultural benefits;
 - 30 ▪ Calls for the a leadership role of UEF in European and global migratory issues, by joining the
31 most relevant NGO coalitions on the matter;
 - 32 ▪ Calls for the establishment of legal, orderly and safe avenues for economic migration,
33 particularly by the signing of agreements between the EU and third countries;
 - 34 ▪ Calls all Member States to allow the applications for asylum in the countries of origin;
 - 35 ▪ Calls of the Council of the European Union to adopt the reform of the Dublin Regulation,
36 particularly as it regards the permanent system of relocation quotas for refugees;

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- Calls the national authorities of Italy and Malta to stop all illegal and aggressive actions towards people in danger and rescue workers in the Central Mediterranean Sea;
 - Calls on the Commission and the European Parliament to open an investigation on the closure of ports and related actions undertaken by the governments of Italy and Malta and take appropriate legal action;
 - Calls on the national governments of France, Germany, Greece, Portugal and Spain, and other willing Member States, to establish a search and rescue operation in the Mediterranean on the basis of the Mare Nostrum operation;
 - Calls for a strong and substantial partnership between Europe, Africa and the Middle East, including the southern and eastern Mediterranean States, in order to promote peace, stability, development and democracy from Cape Hope to Bagdad;