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REMARKS TO THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
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Your Excellency, Ambassador, Madam Chair, Members of the Commission,

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Third: Address the problems faced by migrants who have no legal status.

Fourth: Promote integration into host societies.

And fifth: Facilitate return and circular migration, so people can go back to their homes at the right time.

There is also an overarching need to address discrimination and abuse that migrants face, including human trafficking, sexual exploitation and scapegoating.

Excellencies,

Migrants in the EU and the UK: A Call for Action

People cross borders for different reasons. Some run away in fear, others sprint forward with hope. The reasons for leaving are different – but the impact is the same:

get with solidarity

Let us work together to find common ground so that we may advance our common goals.

Thank you.