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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Petitions

for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

on the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Petitions calls on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the Commission's commitment to take measures in order to respond to the unprecedented crisis in the Mediterranean and to improve management of migration in all its aspects by reinforcing its migration policy and adopting a strategic European Agenda on Migration, which is a good first step;
2. Points out that numerous petitions submitted by EU citizens refer to a wide range of issues relating to the crisis in the Mediterranean, expressing shock at the tragic loss of life, the alleged shortcomings in the implementation of the European asylum and migration *acquis* and violations of fundamental rights, the ineffectiveness of the existing Dublin system and the lack of a comprehensive EU migration policy;
3. Emphasises that, given the scale of the recent tragedies and the alarming increase in irregular arrivals and deaths at sea, the EU and the Member States can no longer be observers but must take ownership of the debate and fully endorse the Commission Agenda on Migration;
4. Stresses that action taken by the EU needs to be regularly monitored and enhanced;
5. Emphasises that monitoring, collecting and analysing information on migration flows and patterns in sea crossings between EU and African states need to be improved and coordinated by a centralised EU migration management mechanism, which would provide regular assessment reports and strengthen consistency, planning and crisis management, thus helping activate early warning systems at EU level to react promptly to future migration crises;
6. Calls for the EU and the Member States to adopt, as a matter of urgency, a comprehensive European migration and asylum policy, based on respect for human rights and dignity, international standards and the values on which the EU is built;
7. Considers the important preventive measures contained in the Commission's agenda for fighting smuggling networks and tackling the root causes of migration to be long-term objectives, but recalls that, meanwhile, flows of people will continue and that a permanent relocation mechanism for people in need of international protection based on fair objective criteria is needed as a matter of urgency;
8. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to ensure a meaningful revision of the Dublin Regulation in order to alleviate sudden and disproportionate migration pressure on Member States such as Italy and Malta, which are more directly exposed to migrant flows, without undermining the security of the Union's external borders;
9. Calls on the EU and the Member States to provide an international framework for dialogue and a comprehensive debate on migration with third countries of origin and transit in order to ensure closer solidarity and cooperation with the EU, address the root

causes of migration and ensure progress on negotiations and full implementation of readmission agreements;

10. Calls on the Member States to establish national integration support programmes, allocate adequate resources and support, and improve the application of the Common Basic Principles for Immigrant Integration Policy in the EU; calls on the Commission to strengthen the role of the network of National Contact Points on Integration and of the European Integration Forum as platforms for dialogue to ensure better integration and exchanges of promising practices among Member States.