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Dear Secretary-General,

Following our continuous and fruitful cooperation for which I am grateful, the European Commission has put forward this week a new package of measures in our effort for a swift, determined and comprehensive response to the migratory challenges. This new package of measures constitutes a further step towards the implementation of the European Agenda on Migration.

As you might have heard, the Commission proposed a new temporary relocation scheme for 120 000 migrants in addition to the 40 000 persons' scheme already proposed in May. This is needed due to the high number of arrivals in frontline EU Member States. Hungary will be added to Greece and Italy.

The second measure is a permanent relocation crisis mechanism. It describes the method and the conditions for triggering this mechanism.

The third one is the establishment of an EU common list of safe countries of origin that will allow EU Member States to ensure that their asylum systems are not overwhelmed by unfounded applications. For this list the Commission proposes considering the Balkan countries and Turkey as safe countries of origin.

The fourth measure is an action plan on 'return' which focusses primarily on increasing the effectiveness of the EU system to return irregular migrants, in full respect of human rights, and of course on enhancing cooperation on readmission with countries of origin and transit.

Finally there will be a European Union Emergency Trust Fund for stability in Africa, namely Sahel, Lake Chad, Horn of Africa and North of Africa. This Trust Fund is being prepared in view of the upcoming Valetta conference and it shall contribute to address the root causes of destabilisation, forced displacement and irregular migration, in particular by promoting resilience, economic and equal opportunities, security and development and better migration management.

His Excellency,
Mr Ban Ki-moon
United Nations Secretary General

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You may find all the relevant documentation on the new measures proposed in our website:
http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/proposal-implementation-package/index_en.htm

Having outlined the new measures, I would like to make clear that our role does not stop here. We all know very well that this package and its implementation will not solve everything.

We shall focus together on delivering safe legal avenues for those in need of protection. This would correspond to a proposal for a permanent scheme for resettlement together with enhanced protection schemes in the proximity of the EU.

To implement these measures, cooperation with non-EU countries at bilateral, regional and global levels will be essential. We have already established good working relations in several areas with the United Nations and it is in our common interest to intensify this cooperation.

For what concerns our objective to reduce the incentives for irregular migration you are already aware that the European Commission considers the United Nations as a focal point for action on root causes such as poverty and political instability.

I hope we can count on the continuous cooperation of the United Nations on migration issues, and I would like to assure you that the European Commission is committed to respond to the migratory crisis in full respect of international human rights obligations.

I look forward to meeting you soon in New York in the margins of the UN General Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dimitris Avramopoulos', written over a horizontal line.

Dimitris Avramopoulos



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Head of Delegation

New York, 14 September 2015

Dear Ms. Under-Secretary-General,

I have the pleasure of enclosing a letter from Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship, addressed to H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations.

I would be grateful if you could kindly transmit this letter to the Secretary General at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Mayr-Harting
Ambassador

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find attached a letter from Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship, addressed to Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations. I would very much appreciate if you could acknowledge receipt of this email.

Best regards,

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