

EPP CALLS FOR A EUROPEAN COMMON POLICY ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

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The Leaders of the European People's Party ([click here for family photo](#)) called today for a common framework concerning illegal immigration in the European Union (EU).

Nine EU Prime Ministers - **Angela Merkel** (Germany), **Kostas Karamanlis** (Greece), **Wolfgang Schüssel** (Austria), **Jean-Claude Juncker** (Luxembourg), **Fredrik Reinfeldt** (Sweden), **Mirek Topolánek** (Czech Republic), **Lawrence Gonzi** (Malta), **Janez Jansa** (Slovenia), **Aigars Kalvītis** (Latvia) - and **José Manuel Barroso**, European Commission President, supported the adoption of the resolution on immigration.

The EPP resolution states that *"plans for regularization of illegal immigrants must be previously discussed as they massively affect also other Member States"*.

The EPP, the largest European transnational party, also called *"for solidarity and cooperation among the Member States especially by reinforcing the capacities of FRONTEX and by a coordination of sea border controls"*, and supported *"the creation of a uniform and automated system of border monitoring in the EU by using the means of biometrical technology in visa procedures and identity documents"*.

The EPP resolution also calls for *"the signing of joint agreements between the EU Member States and the countries of origin, which should facilitate the readmission of illegal immigrants"*.

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