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UNE SEULE RÉOLUTION PAR FEUILLE!

<b>TITLE/ TÍTULO/ TITRE:</b>	The destruction of fortress Europe or what we need are safe and legal migration routes!
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1 In Article 2 of the European human rights charta it says that every human being has the right to  
2 live. If this is to be taken seriously then this means that human beings can flee to a safe country  
3 if they experience life threatening situations. A right to live must mean a right to seek refuge  
4 without being threatened.

5 However, unfortunately we note that the European Union is not handling the situation according  
6 to these standards. Instead of representing a shelter for refugees, the EU sets up more and more  
7 external borders and turns into a deadly fortress. Between January and July 2017 at least 2500  
8 people drowned in the Mediterranean sea while trying to flee to Europe. Around 300 000 have  
9 ventured to cross the Mediterranean since 2016 according to UN numbers, even though there are  
10 numerous ways to avoid this. Everyone who has to risk their life to come to Europe shows the  
11 European Union how much its aspiration of being a role model regarding human rights is  
12 expiring. The European Union tries to move the European borders to the Sahara region to make  
13 it harder for refugees to reach the European continent.

14 On the pretext of fighting against terrorism and smugglers border installations are being set up  
15 and the border control gets militarized. The EU member states no longer back away from  
16 cooperating with dictators in this matter. Today the way through the desert is as dangerous as the  
17 following route on the sea. The desert represents a forgotten cemetery and NGO's are not able to  
18 negotiate with the Northern African countries because safety and constitutional protection is not  
19 guaranteed. Instead of solving the inner European fight concerning the acceptance of refugees  
20 and confronting the racist reflexes of some member states they displace the problem solving to  
21 somewhere else. We have to experience how fences are built protected by armed force, that



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22 people in positions of power wrap up deals with tyrants and refugees are forced to live in  
23 detention camps. Rather than protecting refugees, we protect the European Union from refugees  
24 entering.

25 Many parties not only from the left spectrum in Germany as well as in other states of the EU  
26 demand a fight against the causes for migration. Meant by this is a range of measures concerning  
27 the fight against poverty and armed conflicts or immediate actions in so called third countries to  
28 prevent people from fleeing. We refuse to accept this kind of actionist behaviour. As an  
29 internationalist youth we acknowledge that as long as there are global inequalities in an  
30 economic sense or regarding physical integrity or because of a lack of societal or political  
31 participation, people will flee their home countries.

32 This is why a little bit of development cooperation and the upgrade of armament in third  
33 countries is not the solution. Germany and the EU contribute to the continuation of global  
34 injustices because of their asymmetric trade policies, export of weapons and in some parts  
35 imperialistic foreign policy. This is why people choose to flee because it represents an  
36 opportunity to improve their living conditions and in order to save their lives compared to the  
37 vague promises of development cooperation that is primarily focused on exploiting new markets.  
38 If there is a common interest in the EU of fighting causes for migration and not migration as  
39 such, measures should be adjusted to fight global injustices.

40 The EU initiated a military mission ("Sofia") to fight criminal smuggling. Instead of financing a  
41 mission to save the lives of refugees, battleships are now crossing the Libyan coast to make it  
42 harder for smugglers.

43 The previous mission "Mare Nostrum" represented a sea rescue mission which guaranteed a  
44 minimum amount of support even if we're already seen rudiments of the current aberration. If  
45 we really want to stop the smuggler's activities we have to initiate legal migration routes in the  
46 EU, in this way smugglers cannot make any more money.

47 However, it seems that the heads of government are more willing to spend money on pointless  
48 military actions than investing this money to save lives or humanitarian visas or measures to  
49 integrate refugees.

50 International solidarity and the law enforcement cannot stop at the borders of the EU. The  
51 reasons for migration or the country of origin of a refugee do not matter, no one should be  
52 paying with their lives while fleeing. Our goal is that people can live wherever they want to.

## 53 **1. Safe migration routes now!**

54 If there were safe migration routes no one would need to flee on unsafe boats via the  
55 Mediterranean. For example entering the EU via airplane would be much more secure and  
56 cheaper, but it is illegal according to the EU guideline 2001/51/EG/: airlines are being held  
57 responsible if a passenger is being dismissed in the country of destination. The company has to



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58 pay a fine, organize the journey back and pay for the accommodation and provisions until the  
59 return journey. This means that people without a visa are not being transported.

60 We demand:

61 -It needs to be legal when people try to cross borders whether they come to a country via air, sea  
62 or on the ground. Transit included.

63 - Italy introduced humanitarian visas for the legal travel and the reimbursement of travel costs in  
64 the European Union. Until there is an understanding the German government needs to take a  
65 high amount of resources for the organisation and the financing of the entry and the safe  
66 transport to the European Union.

67 -The humanitarian visas are free of charge and non-bureaucratic and available in the embassies  
68 and consulates. Therefore the embassies need to increase their staff immediately to minimize the  
69 waiting corridors.

70 - to resume the family reunification of refugees and enable the fast and non bureaucratic  
71 allocation of humanitarian visas

72 - removal of the EU guideline 2001/51/EG

## 73 **2. Closure of the torture camps in Libya**

74 The UN coordinator for Libya Martin Kobler describes the situation in the Libyan camps as  
75 terrible, appalling and horrendous. The people are malnourished and are exposed to acts of  
76 arbitrary violence and jammed together/penned up in a localized manner. There are stories of  
77 systematic executions by shooting. Many of these camps are operated privately by militias.  
78 According to estimates the Libyan government doesn't have more than 30% of the Libyan  
79 territory under their control.

80 This is why we demand:

81 -All people who find themselves in Libyan camps have to be resettled into other camps. A  
82 retransition of refugees to Libya mustn't be an option.

83 -The international criminal court has to deal with the violation of human rights that have  
84 happened in the camps.

85 - Any support of the European Union that could play into the hands of the autonomous militia  
86 for example through members of the lybian coast guard has to be stopped immediately.

## 87 **3. Refugee camps according to UN standards**

88 The financial equipment of UN organisations to help and accommodate refugees needs to be  
89 improved. The UNHCR and the World Food Programme are forced repeatedly to shorten the



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90 food rations and reduce the basic standards in the camps and are not able to protect people from  
91 freezing in the winter. These conditions are irresponsible.

92 This is why we call for:

93 -The German government needs to facilitate the necessary financial support to guarantee the  
94 humanitarian standards in the refugee camps.

95 -A long term increase of spaces in the resettlement programme

96 -A reform of the resettlement program: education level, heritage and religious beliefs should not  
97 determine whether people are chosen for the program. Every case should be analyzed separately  
98 and the question should be whether people are facing a state of emergency.

99 -Directly after the arrival refugees should get psychological and health check ups/treatment.

100 -The accommodation of refugees on the European mainland needs to be improved as well

## 101 **4. European sea rescue programme**

102 We demand:

103 -The European border control agency Frontex needs to be abolished instantaneously. It embodies  
104 the militarization of the European border control and the violation of human rights. As the  
105 agency cannot be controlled democratically it needs to be abolished as such.

106 -The rehabilitation of a European sea rescue mission based on the model of Mare Nostrum with  
107 additional resources and finances. This can be achieved by the renaming of the Sofia mission. It  
108 is the responsibility of the European Union to make sure that its external borders do not resemble  
109 mass burial sites. In the current situation this can only be guaranteed with an organized sea  
110 rescue mission.

111 -The states with southern EU external borders need support in integrating the thousands of  
112 refugees. The refugees that enter the European Union must be distributed among the member  
113 states according to a specified quota. If a state takes less refugees as agreed, it has to pay the  
114 states that have taken more refugees. This agreement can also be facilitated if a certain amount  
115 of EU finances is cut that the state would normally receive. The obligation concerning the  
116 compensation would stay in effect/remain in place. Moreover minimum standards within the EU  
117 and some of them state specific have to be agreed upon regarding accommodation, support and  
118 asylum procedure.

119 -A return to unsafe countries should be excluded. The Non- Refoulement principle of the Geneva  
120 convention on refugees is valid without restrictions.

## 121 **5. No forceful holding back of refugees**



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122 The so-called refugee deal with Turkey and other informal understandings/agreements with other  
123 Mediterranean states considering the practice of violently holding back refugees have to be  
124 terminated. They are not justified neither because of moral nor humanitarian reasons. They do  
125 not conform with/are contrary to international law and create a situation where the European  
126 Union susceptible to blackmail.

## 127 **6. Stopping the criminalization of humanitarian aid**

128 Since the European sea rescue mission was terminated more than a dozen NGO's have taken  
129 responsibility to save people from drowning in the Mediterranean sea. Around 40 % of the  
130 rescues that have been performed during the last 1,5 years were done by private aides. This shift  
131 of responsibility from the states towards private aides as such constitutes a reason for criticism. In  
132 the last few months this humanitarian aid had to face downright/proper criminalization. Right  
133 wing movements in Italy, Austria, and Germany raise absurd allegations, that the NGO's would  
134 cooperate with the smugglers and facilitate smuggler activities. Without any evidence and even  
135 though the NGO's denying these allegations the German minister for the interior repeated these  
136 accusations and the Italian government obliged the NGO's to agree to a code of conduct which  
137 could restrict their work massively.

138 As the Libyan coast guard proclaimed a search and rescue zone in front of Libya's coast  
139 annexing international territorial waters the European Union did not react at all, even though it  
140 finances and supports the setup of the Libyan coast guard.

141 The sea rescue NGO's feel threatened regarding massive assaults and threats by the Libyan coast  
142 guard, many of them have abandoned or restricted their safety missions. However governments  
143 do not show any effort to compensate this, which makes the situation in front of the Libyan coast  
144 even more dangerous for refugees than it has been before.

145 This is why we call for:

146 -An end of the criminalization of humanitarian aid on the Mediterranean sea by not only the  
147 German government but all EU member state governments.

148 -The support for the setup of the Lybian coast guard has to be stopped until the Lybian coast  
149 guard abstains from assaulting NGO's and abandons the search and rescue zone.

150 -Security guarantees for NGO's that are operating on the Mediterranean sea by the European  
151 Union. No humanitarian organisation can be forced to take armed staff on board.

152 -After the implementation of the immediate action the European Union needs to start to make  
153 free movement for all people a reality. There is no justification why some people need to risk  
154 their lives to cross borders while a privileged part can move as easily as commodities and capital  
155 can. A world without borders is possible.

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## 157 7. Making international solidarity possible instead of fighting migration

158 The European Union with its 28 member states absorbs more than 50% of the global  
159 resources/funds of development cooperation.

160 Global inequalities are the main reason for migration but could not be diminished.

161 Since migration has increased in 2015 the European Union has allocated more financial means to  
162 support the border control in the Southern Mediterranean states. Additionally the long-term  
163 resources for development cooperation were used to provide North and West Africa to fight the  
164 causes of migration. Development cooperation has to be focused on international solidarity to  
165 achieve its goals. Immediate actions are only helpful if they help fight urgent humanitarian crises  
166 and seeking refuge becomes an option rather than a necessity.

167 This is why we demand:

168 -An honest discussion about the fight against the causes of migration. We have to talk about the  
169 fight against global injustices as such.

170 The acknowledgement of seeking refuge as a legitimate way to improve one's individual life  
171 situation. Migration is caused primarily by global inequalities. This is why making it possible for  
172 people to seek refuge is one of the hardest measures to implement but at the same time the most  
173 effective one. International solidarity regardless if the individual migration motive is war or  
174 conflict, hindrance of societal or political participation, violation of physical integrity or  
175 economical.

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