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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 149 of the Rules of Procedure

on implementing a mass return strategy to expel illegal migrants

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on implementing a mass return strategy to expel illegal migrants

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 149 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. Whereas Commander-in-Chief President Trump has implemented a large-scale return plan, using military planes to repatriate illegal migrants, demonstrating that decisive measures, combined with diplomatic and economic pressure, can compel third countries to cooperate in readmissions, as recently evidenced in Colombia;
 - B. Whereas Eurostat reported that 1.27 million people were illegally residing in Europe in 2023, with the actual number likely being higher;
 - C. Whereas certain third countries refuse to cooperate in readmissions despite benefiting significantly from EU development aid amounting to approximately 2 billion euros annually;
 - D. Whereas the Commission has failed to take action to protect European citizens and tackle the challenges posed by illegal migration;
 - 1. Calls for a coordinated EU framework for large-scale returns, inspired by U.S. methods that combine diplomatic and economic pressure to secure cooperation;
 - 2. Stresses the need to leverage all tools, including suspension of development aid, trade sanctions, and visa restrictions, to pressure non-compliant third countries;
 - 3. Urges the Commission to allocate adequate financial and logistical resources to support Member States in organizing return flights and implementing effective return operations.