



Mr. Paolo Gentiloni  
Prime Minister of Italy

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

We are following with great attention and sympathy the outstanding efforts of Italy to deal with the current migratory pressure.

We would like to assure you, Mr. Prime Minister that our Governments continue to stand ready to contribute within our available means to Italian and European efforts towards stopping the departures from Libya and other parts of Northern Africa and stemming irregular migration flows to Europe and especially to Italy.

Our general approach is that we should address the root causes of migration effectively and to reflect in our policy the situation that the vast majority of the mixed migration flows are composed of economic migrants.

We believe that genuine asylum seekers should be identified before entering the territory of the European Union. Our external borders have to be protected. The EU and its Member States should mobilize financial and other resources to create safe and human conditions in hotspots or reception facilities outside the EU territory. V4 countries are ready to meaningfully contribute in the spirit of solidarity to all European and national efforts aiming at alleviating the burden on frontline Member States such as Italy with financial and other contributions, in line with our general approach and in accordance with our national capacities, with the exclusion of actions and instruments that may create further and

stronger pull factors for migration, especially in relocation and compulsory and automated redistribution mechanism. On the basis of the needs identified V4 countries offer their contribution in particular on the following areas:

1. Contribution to the EU activities at the Southern borders of Libya upon request,
2. Contribution to setting up, protecting and creating human living conditions in hotspots outside the territory of the EU,
3. Contributing to the training of the Libyan coast guards,
4. Contributing to strengthening of capacities of EASO
5. Contributing to the Code of Conduct on NGOs.

Let us reiterate our common support to your country and propose a dialogue to identify the most necessary means of contribution.

*Yours sincerely,*

Prime Minister of Hungary

Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic

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Viktor Orbán

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Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland

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