Country: French Republic

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Topic: Minority Rights

**Providing “Hotspots” for Asylum Seekers in Libya**

To the General Assembly:

Deeply concerned by the 217,002 IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons) in Libya,

Disturbed by the 792 deaths of asylum seekers in the Mediterranean,

Taking note that in the 2017 Asylum Information Database, Libya was not among the list of countries with asylum seekers to France,

Noting that the UNHCR Global Strategic Goals reads as follows

1. “To strengthen UNHCR’s support for collaborative efforts to comprehensively address situations of internal displacement”
2. “To Build effective partnerships through participatory planning involving all stakeholders, comprehensive assessment of needs, and formulation of strategies that utilize the full range of resources available,”

Acknowledging that the number of asylum applicants in France was 100,412 in 2017 and only 13,020 achieved refugee status,

Guided by France’s promise to accept 3,000 North African refugees and 7,000 Syrian refugees,

Reaffirming that the Head of State, President Macron, promised his voters a more humane asylum policy,

Emphasizing the fact that President Macron wants to place hotspots in these locations to reach those with rightful refugee status before they make the dangerous journey across the Mediterranean,

Believing that establishing “hotspots” would reduce the amount of refugees attempting to travel to France through the Mediterranean,

Keeping in mind that while the “hotspots” will be centered in Libya, asylum seekers from all North African countries as well as Syria,

**The delegation of the French Republic does hereby:**

Call upon the French Office for the Protections of Refugees and Stateless Persons, the United Nations Refugee Agency, and the European Asylum Support Office to coordinate together and establish “hotspots” for the asylum-seeking process in various nations,

Recommends that the UNHCR determines the location, capacity, as wells as amount of hotspots in accordance with their current policies and strategic goals in Libya, as well as considering France’s promise to take in 3,000 North African refugees and 7,000 Syrian refugees,

Further Recommends that the cooperative effort between UNHCR, OFPRA, and EASO staffs the hotspots taking into considerations from the hotspots in Italy and in Greece, taking into consideration the addition of French volunteers,

Requests that the UN Refugee Agency allocates $100,000 to this project and the French Republic will allocate another $100,000 in order to establish five hotspot locations throughout Libya,

Encourages that other transit countries work with the French Republic to dispel the network of smugglers and the OFPRA and UNHCR to establish a more efficient system for those with refugee status to safely reach asylum.