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## ***Committee on migrations issues***

***Accommodation of migrants, a major issue for the respect of human rights***

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### **Communiqué about the shipwrecks in the English Channel**

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#### **Too many victims at sea**

The upsurge in shipwrecks in the English Channel once again illustrates the difficulty of managing migratory flows in Europe. The Committee on Migration Issues of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe is particularly concerned by the deaths of the victims of this tragedy, including several very young children. These tragedies cannot continue to make the headlines.

The NGOs present on Europe's waters and coasts are constantly reminding us of the need for more humane and supportive policies, including safe and legal channels to protect migrants. They also stress the importance of combating trafficking in migrants to guarantee their safety. With them, the Committee on Migration Issues of the Conference of INGOs insists that all Council of Europe member countries guarantee migrants their fundamental rights, in synergy with civil society, which works tirelessly on the ground to protect the most vulnerable.

Echoing the press release issued by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Committee on Migration Issues reminds States of the commitments they made at the Reykjavik Summit to "combat the trafficking and smuggling of migrants", and above all to "guarantee their fundamental rights" under the conventions they have signed and ratified. For its part, the Committee on Migration Issues undertakes to remain vigilant and participate in everyone's efforts to manage migration humanely and respectfully.

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