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Dear Mrs Roy,

Thank you for your message addressed to President of the European Commission, Mr Junker.

The management of migration flows is large and complex challenges for Europe as a whole. Improving migration management is a priority for the Commission, as announced by President Junker's political guidelines "A new start for Europe". The tragic events in the Mediterranean require the EU and its Member States acting together in an effective and efficient manner, in full compliance with fundamental rights and in a true spirit of solidarity.

The European Commission on 13<sup>th</sup> May adopted a new European Agenda on Migration. The first part of the Agenda responds to the immediate need for action in order to respond to the ongoing crisis and to be better prepared for future peaks of migratory flows, focusing on saving lives at sea, targeting criminal smuggling networks and relocation of migrants in the Member states. Beyond the immediate crisis response the Agenda develops a structured and forward looking approach to migration to strengthen our asylum system, to set a new policy on legal migration, to act more resolutely against irregular migration and ensure greater border security.

Better managing migration is a shared responsibility, which touches upon several policy areas and involves different actors, both within and outside the EU. The launch of this new programme will be accompanied by initiatives aimed at informing and receiving input from civil society and citizens. I can only encourage you to participate and contribute to the construction of a genuine European policy on migration.

For more information on EU initiatives in the field of migration, please consult our website ([http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/index_en.htm)), as well as the EU immigration portal ([http://ec.europa.eu/immigration/portail-de-lus-sur-limmigration-accueil\\_fr](http://ec.europa.eu/immigration/portail-de-lus-sur-limmigration-accueil_fr)) and integration (<https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/home?lang=fr>).

Yours sincerely,

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