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People will continue to flee wars, lawlessness and poverty, seeking a better life for themselves and their kids.

We must therefore think and act not focusing only on the current dimension of the problem.

It is legitimate to ask how Europe will be responding in mid and long term.

Geography, culture and history will continue to generate different sensitivities and responses across Europe.

We can see that in some member states the awareness and co responsibility comes slow. It might never come.

We can see a disproportionate burden put on front line states.

We can see member states who continue to insist that migration is a national policy.

We also know that ad hoc measures will not solve the problem.

But we have chosen the right approach by choosing solutions based on solidarity between member states, on cooperation with third countries, on a holistic approach taking into account all dimensions of the problem.

Today's inflows can be coped with, the challenge is the long term.

Here the solution is still far away.

It is not only about a framework for migrants distribution.

We need to invest in ensuring proper living conditions, also for those who will be coming in the future.

We need to invest in their economic and social integration as well as in preparing our societies to live in an ever growing diversity.

If we prepare ourselves, we can reduce the risk of a new wave of political radicalization.

We are rich. They are poor. We are aging and downsizing. They are growing in numbers.

Continued flow of migrants, even if well organized and controlled, will transform Europe.

The newcomers will be contributing to economy and society, to social capital. They cannot be treated as a second category of citizens.

But so far we have not developed successful modes of integration.

We have to bear in mind also that refugees and asylum seekers are usually the most difficult to integrate. Forced migrants are not ready to integrate. And usually there is more than one reason behind a decision to migrate.

Security will remain a legitimate concern. We will have to help desperate refugees in a secure way.

And we have to be aware of the fact that a new legitimation of Europe will come from how we will handle this new normal.