

## Forum for 21st century on Visa Policy issues

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Position of European Union for the purpose of the conference held by the Forum for 21st Century

The **European Union** would like to thank the Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century for initiating the discussion and organizing the conference on **Common Visa Policy**. We would like to express our full support towards finding possible solution to challenges standing in front of us in the global world. We hope we would reach a common understanding between all states present. Please take into consideration our following reminders to the second draft issued by political section of Forum for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> In order to contribute to the prosperity of international community the European Union welcomes the ambitions of the Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century to create a legally binding SVP body on all involved parties. We also support the involvement of countries which are not impacted by the migration yet as a prevention of future problems.
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> The European Union agrees upon the fact that the SVP shall be funded by all member states' contributions but we suggest to renegotiate the Forum's proposal to set the main key for the amount of contributions as a GDP ratio in favor of countries excessively hit by the migration but still taking the economic development into consideration. (Less developed countries would contribute less and countries dealing with migration would contribute more both absolutely and relatively)
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> The crucial role in the SVP should play an independent body that would be responsible for a proper implementation of all necessary measures. The European Union agrees to put the power into the hands of three experts from each involved party but we would like to express our doubts considering the democratic deficit in terms of the decisions of this three expert. Therefore we would like to involve also the national parliaments into the final implementation of the SVP.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> We also believe that it is necessary to create a global information system which shall be available to all the member states and which shall serve for the monitoring of migration waves and thus for the identification of problem areas. This system shall be managed by a newly created body whose composition shall be a subject to the negotiations.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Human trafficking is also an important issue which should be regulated by the SVP. It is a very difficult issue and the fight against it will only succeed if all member states will deepen their cooperation among each other and also on global level for example within the United Nation Office on Drugs and Crime

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Climate migrants should be paid a special attention to since their reasons for migrate are very specific and their number will rise due to the continuing climate changes. The European Union We would like to cooperate with the participating members on this issue. We insist to elaborate independent and objective dynamic studies about the climate situation in each region in order to strictly distinguish migration caused by the climate from other reasons.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> As the number of climate migrants will continuously rise, the European Union welcomes the Forum's proposal to create a special fund to cover the expenses caused by the climate migrants. The details of funding this fund should be a subject of further discussion.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> The European Union wishes to fulfill its ambitions to contribute to economic wealth and prosperity by agreeing upon and signing a framework agreement which will come into force in all Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century member states.