

Dear President Von der Leyen,

We are writing to express our deep concern regarding Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk's recently announced migration strategy. The temporary suspension of the right to asylum in Poland poses an alarming threat to the foundations of our shared values and jeopardises the Rule of Law. It is clear that such a policy will disproportionately impact people from racialized backgrounds, who already face increased violence and discrimination at Poland's borders, amplifying existing injustices and inequalities in access to international protection.

The European Union was supposedly built on the principles of humanity and solidarity, and the right to asylum is enshrined in the fundamental human rights recognized within our treaties. We are concerned about the significant impact that suspending the right to asylum would have, delegitimizing EU laws and the Charter of Fundamental Rights. Specifically, such a suspension would violate the requirement on all Member States to grant access to a fair asylum procedure to those seeking international protection and would undermine the protections enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the principle of *non-refoulement*.

The potential consequences of Tusk's policies extend far beyond Poland and set a dangerous precedent that could embolden other Member States to follow suit, eroding the very foundation of the asylum *acquis*. "Taking back control" cannot mean the suspension of the right to asylum, and violations of the EU Charter.

We expect the Commission to demonstrate commitment to the non-negotiable rights and values that bind us. A strong and confident Poland, and Europe, is not one that panics and abandons its standards at the first sign of trouble. It is one that stands up for human rights, human dignity and the rule of law.

We urge the Commission to take a decisive and unequivocal stand against this plan. You have a responsibility to protect and uphold the EU's commitment to human rights, the Rule of Law, and the Charter. At a moment where multiple Member States are seeking to opt out of these basic commitments, we call on you to remain steadfast in the EU's founding principles now more than ever.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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