

SUMMARY
**of the Opinion on the Communication "Towards a reform of the common
European asylum system and enhancing legal avenues to Europe"**
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The Chamber of Deputies:

- **Considers** that assigning "*disproportionate responsibilities*" to only a few Member States has not been generated by the way in which the asylum system was created, but by its inadequate implementation, by exceptional circumstances consisting in a rapid growth of immigrants' number as well as by the existence of certain gaps in the management of the situation in some Member States.

- **Recalls** that Romania has a substantial contribution to the joint effort of the European plan for the management of irregular migration, including participation in life-rescue operations in the Mediterranean Sea and being also among the Member States which has been granting a consistent aid to Greece, for the implementation of the European Union agreement with Turkey. The Chamber of Deputies considers that the variants proposed by the Commission lead to a distribution system among all the Member States, in the context of the inefficiency of the permanent allocation system of asylum seekers of September 2015, which has been proved in the case of Austria and Sweden, countries which being faced with a massive influx of immigrants, have applied for a suspension of their duties and have received the approval of the European Commission in this regard.

- **Draws attention** to the fact that, in most of the cases, parents put their children's lives at risk by involving them in dangerous journeys on routes of illegal migration. In order to discourage this practice, the Chamber of Deputies recommends to the European Commission to have in view the conclusion of agreements with the immigrants' countries of origin, which should permit to fast implement the procedure meant to determine the refugee status, to return immediately those who did not receive this status and to apply immediately the relevant legislation, on return to the country of origin. Moreover, the Chamber of

Deputies shows that during the examination of the request, the asylum seekers cannot be returned, reason for which it is recommended to eliminate the suspensive character for the appeals against the return decisions.