

Policy Statement

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During the past few years, the arrival of refugees and asylum seekers has been a pressing issue in Western Europe. Every year, millions of people are forced to leave their home country and seek refuge due to political conflicts, natural disasters, human rights violations, persecution, and violence. In the year 2016, a new person is being displaced every second. Over 60.5 million worldwide are seeking protection and refuge and most of those people have ended up in western Europe. This is primarily because that the majority of the migrants were originated from Africa and Central Asia; the closest middle to high-income countries are the ones located in Western Europe. Upon the arrival of those migrants in Western Europe, many of them still face the challenge of finding protection and the access to shelter, food, water, and the other necessities. In addition, poverty and the lack of psychological support is also challenging their lives in Western Europe. As a result, violence, abuse, and the exploitation against them has emerged as a new issue.

Protecting the rights and facilitating the assimilation of those newly-arrived refugees is a difficult measure to accomplish. However, with the support of relevant UNOs and NGOs, this goal may be achievable effectively. First of all, the racial discrimination against those refugees needs to be addressed and eliminated for the refugees to feel welcomed to prevent violence. With the help of Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International (AI), member states in Western Europe need to implement a more liberal curriculum to educate the younger generation to be less conservative. Additionally, public service announcements on to prevent racial discrimination could be created and displayed on TV channels and social media to change the public's ideology on their approach to unfamiliar cultures. Moreover, member states of Western Europe should work with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights (UNHCR) to expand local public schools or construct new schools to educate the refugees as most of them have not received an education. With the refugees being educated, less violence and social insecurities will occur. Lastly, to reduce poverty, member states need to provide at least a menial job to the refugees. With poverty reduced, the refugees will not be facing challenges towards the lack of necessities.

The delegate of the Republic of Ireland wholeheartedly supports the solutions of involving NGOs and UNOs to spread awareness of racial discrimination, educating the refugees, and providing menial jobs to the refugees. Being a member state located at the British Isles with a small population, and with great connections with other members of the European Union (EU), the Republic of Ireland is willing help under this circumstance. The member states in Western

Region of Continental Europe have already accommodated millions of new refugees each year. Ireland feels the importance of helping its fellow members of the EU and is willing to continue accommodating a small number of new refugees each year.

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