

**Forum:** Special Conference on Migration: A Movement for Change  
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## PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

Dear delegates,

My name is Anna Giapitzi-Papandreou and it is my immense pleasure and great honour to serve as your President in the Special Conference. I have participated in 10 MUN Conferences, including the two previous PSMUN Conferences, so I am really glad that I was given the opportunity to attend this year's Conference, as well. This is my fourth time chairing, and my first one as a President.

I am a student in the 11th grade in Arsakeio High School of Patras. I joined the MUN club 2 years ago and since my very first MUN I loved the whole experience, the preparation, the lobbying, the intense debates, meeting new people and building friendships. Honestly, if it weren't for these Conferences, I wouldn't have discovered my appeal to diplomacy, in which I would love to base my studies later on.

Furthermore, I chose Special Conference in 5 out of my 10 MUNs. I love how the issues discussed are always of utmost importance to all nations. Everyone is involved and everyone can offer their own solutions. In this Conference, the issue discussed is migration, a worldwide problem. The integration of refugees and ensuring their rights are vital key points.

As your President, my role is to help you throughout the whole process, mostly by reinforcing your efforts in researching, forming your resolutions and your alliances, expressing your views and proposals and answering all your questions. So, this is what I will try to accomplish with this study guide. Although it will provide you with quite a variety of information, do not rely entirely on it. More research will of course be needed, especially when it comes to your countries' policies. If you need any help, do not hesitate to contact me on my email: [annagp3@gmail.com](mailto:annagp3@gmail.com)

I am so looking forward to meeting you all in the conference!

Best of wishes,

Anna Giapitzi-Papandreou

## INTRODUCING TOPIC

Unauthorised migration or illegal immigration is the situation in which migrants cross national borders in a way that is against the immigration laws of the targeted country. Persecution (religious and any other kind), violence, bullying, hardship, and massacres, and risks to civilians during war, as well as overpopulation are some of the results that this kind of migration can lead to. Moreover, people have been captured and tricked, after entering a country, and have been forced to become captives and prostitutes or have been fatally killed.

Illegal migration can be achieved through various ways, especially through border crossing. Also, overstaying visas is a very common way. This means that many illegal immigrants are migrants who arrived in a country legally but they overstayed their certified residence. Finally, with sham marriages, which are marriages used by couples who are not in an authentic and honest relationship, but only for immigration advantages.

Several reasons can cause illegal migration: a war or an armed conflict in their countries of departure, poverty conditions and the desperate need for better-living conditions and environment.

Unauthorised migration has been an extremely important issue for decades. But in the early twenty first century there is a new complication discovered. First, compared with the past, there has been found more diversity in unauthorised migration. Whether based on gender, age, or how people enter, there is considerable variety in the unauthorised migrant population. According to a survey conducted in 2005, more than 190 million people, lived out of their country of birth. Furthermore, the approach of nation-states towards the issue has changed over the years, and thus, the size and distinction of unauthorised population has expanded and is correlated with the evolution of education highlighting the social construction of immigrant legal status.

While the information may vary, the problem of illegal immigration is not only limited to the U.S., but is actually a global problem that requires a far more comprehensive approach than any nation is taking. For instance, 103,000 people have illegally entered the EU in 2013, keeping in mind that this number has only grown as refugees are every day fleeing from Syria, and generally from Middle East and Africa.

Therefore, solving this issue is vital because we will protect both all nations and all migrants.

### [Is unauthorised immigration a terrorist threat?](#)

There are thoughts that maybe open borders, or not enough strict border controls which lead to illegal immigration, are connected with the rising terrorist attacks. Many countries support this and have retained anti-immigration policies. "It is

obvious that we simply cannot filter out hostile terrorists from this enormous crowd.”, the Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said.

On the other hand, it is also claimed that unauthorised migration has nothing to do with terrorism, mostly because most terrorists entering countries, actually enter as legal migrants. As David Friedman, an American economist and legal scholar said, it is much easier to get a tourist visa than an immigrant visa, anyway.



## KEY TERMS

### **Unauthorised Migrant**

The term unauthorised migrant is also known as illegal immigrant or illegal-alien is a foreigner who has arrived or lives in a country unjustifiably or without the country's endorsement.

### **Legal Status**

The terms refers to the standing of a system or issue in the eyes of law.

### **Social Construction**

It refers to a perception of an individual, group, or idea that is 'constructed' through cultural or social practice.

## **Naturalisation**

Naturalisation is the legal measure or process by which a non-citizen in a country may obtain citizenship or nationality of that country.

## **Citizenship/Nationality**

Citizenship is a legal status in a political association such as a city or a state. However, nationality designates informal membership in or identification with a particular nation.

Although the terms “citizenship” and “nationality” are usually used interchangeably, this is for political purposes and not because they do not have any difference. The most common example of this is the use of “nationality” to stand for state citizenship.

## **HISTORICAL INFORMATION:**

### **1. Declaration on tackling illegal immigration to Europe**

Accepted by the European Christian Political Movement members on the 29th of May 2015 during the ECPM General Assembly.

### **2.The Declaration of Independence**

Adopted by: Congress on July 1776

### **3.Declaration on the human rights of individuals who are not nationals of the country in which they live**

Adopted by: the General Assembly on 13 December 1985

### **4. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families**

Entered into force: July 2003

### **5. Illegal Immigration Project**

Facilitated by: COSPOL (Comprehensive Operational Strategic Planning for the Police), December 2007-2009

6. U.S. Commission on immigration reform (BARBARA JORDAN COMMISSION)

Mandated by: The immigration Act of 1990

7. Royal Commission of Inquiry on illegal immigrants in Sabah

Formed on: August 2012 to help immigrants in Sabah, Malaysia

8. International conference on illegal immigration in Limassol

Based on the issues of illegal immigration, respect of human rights and readmission procedures of illegal immigrants.

9. 12th Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference

Based on policy and legal analysis and discussion on the key immigration topics that are very much at the forefront of policy and political debates.

10. UN Refugees Convention

11. Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Adopted by: the General Assembly on 10 December 1948

## COUNTRIES AND ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

### United States of America

Since the 1920s, the country has experienced the largest wave of immigration in the recent decades. Even though the number of illegal immigrants in the U.S. has been preserved lately after many years of expeditious growth, yearly, more than 600 million migrants cross Mexico's borders. This fact was really concerning, taking into consideration the fact that the number of unauthorised immigrants was higher than the number of the legal ones. According to a survey conducted, there were 11.3 million illegal migrants in U.S.A in 2014.

There are many laws in order to enforce security of the country's borders such as Arizona Law, the Immigration and Nationality Acts of 1952, 1965, and 1986, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

### European Union

Member States of the EU experience a great inflow of immigrants every day and this is a problem of high importance, as it remains really divisive amongst them.

The EU trying to maintain a common framework when it comes to managing migration and asylum, established a common immigration policy which was deliberated in October 1999 in a EU Council meeting and had as objective to promote economic, social and political solidarity in Europe.

But, the UK and Ireland, which are not part of the Schengen area, have the right of not accepting EU legislation, so they can decide on their own about cases.

Additionally, France has maintained anti-immigrant legislation and has received lots of criticism about it. This legislation criminalises anyone who tries to offer assistance to illegal immigrants in any way.

The Third Annual Report on Migration and Integration in Europe, published in 2007, stated that there has been a great increase in the rates of immigrants in Europe. In January 2006 the number of immigrants enduring in the EU was almost 18.5 million.

### International Organisation for Migration

The IOM was established in 1951 with the goal to promote benevolent and restrained migration in a way that everyone has benefits. It offers its services and advice to governments and migrational units in need. Furthermore, it aims in promoting the international migration law, enforcing and protecting migrants rights and providing health care to immigrants.

### Amnesty International

Amnesty International's policy on unauthorised immigrants is much more helpful and friendly to them than USA's or EU's. Amnesty is concerned that the proposals from the aforementioned parties will impose consequential prison sentences on those who help anyone enter the EU in disregard of immigration laws and will criminalise people who act on humanitarian grounds. Additionally, Amnesty urges the EU to review their proposals when it comes to migrants and tries to remind all Member States their responsibilities regarding human rights.

Here is a list of countries and their percentages of illegal immigrants:

People in the country illegally, as % of population											
Country	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
 <b>UNITED STATES</b>	3.0	2.7	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.8
<b>AVERAGES FOR 13 COUNTRIES LISTED BELOW</b>	0.54	0.45	0.59	0.77	0.80	0.74	1.5	1.06	1.0	1.04	1.30
 <b>AUSTRIA</b>	--	0.97	0.89	0.74	0.77	0.60	0.55	0.52	0.43	--	--
 <b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	2.22	0.38	0.32	0.32	0.26	1.29	0.11	0.07	--	--	--
 <b>FRANCE</b>	--	--	--	--	--	0.49	--	--	0.17	0.12	0.09
 <b>GERMANY</b>	0.11	0.11	0.11	1.03	0.50	0.33	0.35	0.40	0.37	0.29	0.31
 <b>GREECE</b>	--	0.36	--	--	2.07	0.18	0.67	2.30	2.22	2.99	3.49
 <b>HUNGARY</b>	0.19	0.16	0.16	0.13	0.13	0.18	0.16	0.27	0.15	--	--
 <b>ITALY</b>	--	--	1.20	--	--	0.92	1.10	0.60	1.10	--	--
 <b>NETHERLANDS</b>	0.55	0.61	0.65	0.47	1.07	0.54	--	--	--	--	--
 <b>RUSSIA</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.79	4.21	2.81	--	--
 <b>SLOVAKIA</b>	0.23	0.39	0.43	0.56	0.78	--	--	0.32	--	--	--
 <b>SPAIN</b>	--	0.62	1.40	2.80	1.98	2.80	1.70	0.81	0.72	0.75	--
 <b>TURKEY</b>	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.09	--	--	--	--
 <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	0.34	0.74	--	--	0.36	0.77	--	--	1.03	--	--

## TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Date	Event
28 July 1951	United Nations approves Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.
1967	United Nations approves Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees (alternatively called '1967 Protocol').
1994	The passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), along with the Mexican economic collapse of 1994, brought 13 million new undocumented immigrants to the United States over the next 15 years.
May 2007	European Union initiates European Border Patrols Network.
September 2007	The European Parliament called for more legal immigration into the EU.
October 2007	The enlargement of Frontex (the European border agency) budget's was approved by the European Parliament's budgetary.
May 2011	The informal Thematic Debate on International Migration and Development took place.
July 2013	There were some informal interactive hearings with NGOs, civil society and the private sector for the 2013 High-level dialogue on International Migration and Development done by the UN
September 2015	The High Level Side Event: 70th session of the UN General Assembly "Strengthening cooperation on migration and refugee movements in the perspective of the new development agenda"

## POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

1. It is of high importance that there is a clear definition created which will clarify terms concerning immigration according to each country's laws, strict measures when it comes to unauthorised migration, sanctions imposed to illegal immigrants, as well as the rights of both nations and migrant populations.
2. The cooperation with Amnesty International and all countries both hosting and countries of departure, in order to create a common framework when it comes to immigration as well as protecting immigrants' rights.
3. Stricter border controls should be put into action through manpower or technology in order to detect illegal immigrants and confront this huge problem. Immigration centres should monitor the migration influx in proportion to the country's needs concerning labour. Additionally, street patrols could be implemented, to locate any such migrants.
4. Furthermore, an organisation could be created with the cooperation of IOM, in order to help especially immigrants with no authorisation to enter other countries. Humanitarian help should be provided to them, such as healthcare and food, as well as help to obtain Visas.
5. The creation of an international programme monitored by IOM which will establish a new arrangement which will consist of a short-term stay in a country and revive the guest worker programme.
6. Moreover, concerted efforts to promote justice and the enforcement of laws should be made, in order to reduce incentives of unauthorised migration.
7. Finally, the creation of an active public diplomacy programme that will educate potential illegal migrants on the risks of such a journey as well as the consequences and sanctions of entering a country illegally.

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