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Dear Mr Angenfort, dear pupils of Nelly Sachs Gymnasium,

Thank you for your letter of 29 March to the President of the European Council, Charles Michel. We have read your recommendations on EU asylum policy with a lot of interest, impressed by your engagement on the issues that affect our societies and are important for shaping of Europe's future.

Your recommendations align with the EU's values of solidarity and respect for fundamental rights. A fair distribution of refugees, effective border controls and reception facilities represent notable and necessary elements for a more efficient and humane asylum policy. While we have made progress in recent years in working towards these goals through the EU Pact on Asylum and Migration, there is still much work to be done.


The European Council is committed to developing a comprehensive approach to migration. This approach is in line with several of the proposals you put forward, including the need to address the root causes of migration, to increase cooperation with third countries and to ensure that sufficient legal pathways exist for individuals to come to Europe through safe and legal routes. We are working closely with Member States and third country partners in this regard.

In February, at an extraordinary meeting of the European Council the President discussed these issues with EU leaders, focusing in particular on increased external action, effective control of external borders and internal aspects. The leaders remain engaged in discussions.

Your voices are an important part of this process, and I encourage you all to continue engaging in the issues that matter to you. Your passion and dedication are essential to building a stronger and more inclusive Europe.

Thank you for your contribution, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,


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