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PRESS RELEASE

After the recent tragedy in Lampeduza, deaths will not stop to happen in the Mediterranean Sea, as the number of immigrants, putting at risk their own lives to reach the countries of Southern Europe, is raising day by day. Thousands of people have lost their lives during the last years, many women and children among them.

Greece, along with the other countries of "the front line", like Italy, Malta etc, bear a disproportionate burden compared to other European countries, as they've become "bin of human souls".

Just the day after Lampeduza tragedy, three more people drowned in the island of Rhodes. The Coast Guard rescued 90 people and 95 more were rescued in Karystos...

The rescue operations are only the beginning of a long and uncertain way, as no one can guarantee what is going to happen to the immigrants next. Often these people are victims of trafficking.

Even though our country is facing an economical and humanitarian crisis, is forced to deal with the immigration issue as well.

It's time for measures to be taken against the slavers and for the support of the countries of the Southern Europe in order to deal with the migratory flows. Each life lost in the Mediterranean Sea is precious.

Shall we wait for another Lampeduza?