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Jean-Claude Juncker

President of the European Council  
Donald Tusk

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**Request to submit the trade union demands for humane assistance and rights for refugees to the European Council on the 28 of June**

Dear President Juncker,  
Dear President Tusk,

Following the fatal shooting by Turkish border guards of children, women and men trying to escape Syria, and amid reports from human rights organisations that over 60 Syrian refugees have been shot at the border this year, the European Trade Union Confederation calls for the immediate suspension of the EU-Turkey Agreement on refugees

On 15 June European trade union leaders gathered in Rome to plead for a humanitarian and European response to the many men, women and children seeking shelter from conflict in the EU.

Before the representatives of European and International institutions (European Commission, OSCE, UNHCR, EESC), the ETUC adopted a Declaration in which the trade union movement expressed its concerns and advanced its proposals for a genuine and humane asylum policy in Europe. The text in six languages is attached.

Hereby I would like to submit a request to address the EU leaders that will meet in Brussels on 28 and 29 June in order to convey our positions.

We are confident that, speaking with the voice of 45 million workers and citizens, the ETUC can contribute to a political environment conducive to common policies in the migration, asylum and integration fields.

Looking forward to a your prompt and positive answer, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Luca Visentini  
General Secretary