Committee: European Council

Topic: Refugee problem in Europe

The Republic of Bulgaria is a country in South Europe, being bordered by Greece and Turkey to the south, Serbia and North Macedonia to the west, and Romania to the north. It is the 16th largest country in Europe, is known for its variety of scenery and is a parliamentary democracy. Sofia is its capital and largest city. Bulgaria became a member of the United Nations in 1995.

There always have been refugees fleeing their countries because of different issues occurring in their nation, such as wars, economic challenges, environment issues etc. However, there’s been a crisis showing up especially in Europe recently. Migrants’ efforts to enter EU countries mostly from the Middle East, led off the refugee crisis to mainly begin. The main reason to this sudden increase is the Syrian Civil War, which is considered one of the biggest refugee crises in modern history. It has produced more refugees than any other conflict in the past two decades. Another reason to the increase of the refugee number is that Europe was not properly securing its borders against uncontrolled entry of immigrants into it. In Bulgaria, the compulsion at the borders are 43 percent more than last year, even though the year 2022 used to be the all-time most refugee incorporated year in Bulgaria. And there was also more than 170 thousand illegal migrants seen at the borders, although it was 7 thousand only three years ago. After Bulgaria attended EU in 2007, around 2.5 million Bulgarian citizens migrated to different countries around the world. This incident itself is one of the biggest reasons why population in Bulgaria keeps decreasing.

A possible solution to the refugee crisis might be combating smuggling. Unfortunately human trafficking and abuse are some issues that refugees have to deal with. But strengthening border controls to protect refugees and cooperation between European and source countries might be the key to protect refugees and control the crisis.

Resources:

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