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*Honourable Members,*

*thank you for your letter of 5 October 2016. As stated in its reply to Written Question 4653/2016, the Council has not discussed any agreement in the meaning of Article 218 TFEU relating to asylum and migration, including with Sudan.*

*The Slovak Presidency may further invite the Honourable Members to refer to the European Council conclusions of 28 June 2016, in particular where it is stated that in the Central Mediterranean, flows of predominantly economic migrants must be reduced, thus saving lives and breaking the business model of smugglers.*

*Leaders noted that delivering rapid results in preventing illegal migration and returning irregular migrants requires an effective Partnership Framework of cooperation with individual countries of origin or transit. This will contribute towards the implementation of the Valletta Action Plan, which should be stepped up. Building on the Commission communication, the EU will put into place and swiftly implement the Framework Partnership based on effective incentives and adequate conditionality, starting with a limited number of priority countries of origin and transit.*

*The Slovak Presidency wishes to keep the European Parliament informed of any relevant result in this area.*

*Yours sincerely*



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