



**International Coalition of Undocumented Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers (CISPM)**

**To the President of the European Council**

Mr. Charles Michel

**To the President of the European Commission**

Mrs. Ursula von der Leyen

**To the President of the European Parliament**

Mr. David Sassoli

**To the Heads of State and Government of the EU Member States**

**Copy to the Secretary General of the United Nations**

Mr. Antonio Guterres

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Mrs. Christine Lagarde

**Subject: Humanitarian regularization in Europe in view of the Covid-19 pandemic**

Ladies and Gentlemen Presidents,

We are men and women of different geographical origins, united in the struggle for the affirmation of human rights.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are aware that the situation we are experiencing is dramatic. Because of its magnitude, we believe that extraordinary plans must be put in place. We must guarantee a dignified existence for the most fragile and vulnerable sections of society.

Along with the health crisis, the socio-economic crisis will increasingly affect our countries. A projection of 18 March published by the International Labour Organization on the impact of Covid-19 on the global labour market, indicates that the effects will be far-reaching. They will push nearly 25 million people into unemployment, underemployment and poverty.



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Those who are already struggling to make ends meet and are invisible in this society, living in inhuman conditions, without water or heating, in makeshift shacks; those who depend on their precarious employment, living in conditions of total physical and social segregation, almost always with minimal trade union rights and subject to labour exploitation, will be increasingly exposed to the risk of social exclusion.

The fate of those who sustain our welfare economies, who take care of our loved ones, often invisibly, often becoming a point of reference for our families, cannot leave us indifferent. Whether in agriculture, domestic work or logistics, in the North or South of the continent, in strategic or non-strategic economic sectors, the current health emergency concerns them in the forefront. The economic crisis generated by the situation makes them even more vulnerable.

Ladies and gentlemen, for these reasons, we believe that **a renewable and convertible residence permit should be issued in all EU Member States to migrants and those seeking international protection** who, even during this crisis, are helping our countries to recover. As such, the Portuguese Government's actions are heading in the right direction. For other countries to take extraordinary measure of regularization, for the European Union to send a clear message in this direction.

In the hope that you will listen to our arguments, we send you, ladies and gentlemen Presidents, our warmest greetings.

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