

TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIS PETITION OF PEOPLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF REFUGEES DRAWS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE HOUSE: THE INHUMANE TREATMENT OF REFUGEES IN OFFSHORE DETENTION, THEIR RETURN TO PLACES WHERE THEY MAY BE SUBJECTED TO INHUMANE TREATMENT AND THEIR RE-SETTLEMENT IN UNSUITABLE PLACES.

WE THEREFORE ASK THE HOUSE TO:

1/ END MANDATORY DETENTION OF ASYLUM SEEKERS AND ALLOW THEM TO WORK IN THE COMMUNITY THUS CONTRIBUTING TO OUR SOCIETY;

2/ INSTEAD OF SPENDING MONEY ON DETENTION CENTRES, TO UTILISE THAT MONEY FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES;

3/ TO CEASE TURNING BACK THE BOATS ON WHICH REFUGEES HAVE SAILED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

4/ TO NOT ENGAGE IN RE-SETTLING REFUGEES IN COUNTRIES THAT ARE UNSUITED TO THAT PURPOSE.