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on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission aims at building a system that manages migration for the long term, addresses immediate needs, in full respect of European values and in conformity with international law. That is why the Commission has put forward the New Pact on Asylum and Migration¹. As part of the Pact, the Commission's Blueprint Network – where Member States, EU agencies, the European External Action Service and Commission services meet regularly – follows closely and regularly reports on the situation at the EU external borders to ensure that all actors have the situational awareness for an effective and coordinated EU response². Another key tool for strong border management is European integrated border management³.

2. Under the rules of the Schengen Borders Code⁴, the Member States have an obligation to protect the external borders in the interest of all the Schengen States. All the actions taken in this regard have to comply with fundamental rights, as specified in Article 4 of the Schengen Borders Code, including the principle of non-refoulement.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/promoting-our-european-way-life/new-pact-migration-and-asylum_en

² Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1052/2013 and (EU) 2016/1624, OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p. 1.

³ COM(2022) 303 final.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders, OJ L77, 23.3.2016, p. 1.