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**Claude Moraes MEP, LIBE Committee, the Red Cross/EU Office,
the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) and
UNHCR**

are pleased to invite you to a panel discussion and photo exhibition:

“Knocking on Heaven’s Door?”

**Access of asylum seekers and migrants to international
protection and humanitarian assistance in the EU**

**European Parliament, ASP 5 G Balcony
Tuesday 4th October 2011, 18:30-20:30**

Since February, the Mediterranean Region has been facing widespread unrest and upheaval. One of the direct consequences has been the displacement of people seeking international protection. Some EU Member States have been at the forefront in assisting migrants at sea or/and at the borders. Other regions in Europe face ongoing pressure in receiving migrants whether they are seeking international protection or not.

The Red Cross EU/Office, the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) and the UNHCR want to raise the issue of access to international protection and humanitarian assistance in the EU in light of the 60th anniversary of the UN Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. Therefore, the three organizations and Mr Claude Moraes are holding a panel discussion on the challenges the EU is facing with regard to migration flows.

18:30- 19:30: Panel discussion

Mr Claude Moraes	Member of the European Parliament, <i>introduction and moderation</i>
Professor François Mattei	President of the French Red Cross <i>“Access to international protection and humanitarian assistance”</i>
Mr Koen Van Kooten	Delegate for Restoring Family Links and Migration, the International Committee of the Red Cross (TBC) <i>“Access to humanitarian assistance, the practical case of Lampedusa”</i>
Mr Allan Leas	Acting Secretary General, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), <i>“The EU legal framework and access to protection in the EU: the CEAS as a model?”</i>
UNHCR	(Key speaker TBC), <i>“Access to international protection in the EU—still a lottery game?”</i>
Karolina Marcjanik	Asylum Working Party Coordinator, Polish Presidency <i>“What response for the EU?”</i>

Questions and answers with the audience.

19:30-20:30: Cocktail and photo exhibition opening of the Red Cross and UNHCR

A photo exhibition will depict various activities run by European Red Cross National Societies on behalf of vulnerable migrants. UNHCR will present the slide show *“60 years, 60 lives”* which shows Europe’s role as a safe haven for refugees during the last six decades.

Please register before 20th September by sending an email to Camille Gutton:

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