One year after the drowning of the little Aylan Kurdi on the Greek coast, which seemed to stir the conscience of European politicians, many are still dying in the Mediterranean on the way to Europe and at its internal and external borders. In Calais the population of the slum is over 10,000 people in ever more appalling living conditions! There, as elsewhere in Europe, the situation is only getting worse for the migrants, thus showing the inadequacy and the murderous character of current policies.

In Calais, the demolition of the camp, that has been announced by some and called for by others, will not provide a solution! And neither will the construction of the great wall, four meters high and one kilometre long, that is planned along the route national 216 in the direction of the harbour of Calais!

Therefore, one year after a first demonstration from Paris to Calais, we call again for a big demonstration in Calais on Saturday, 1 October, to express our active solidarity with the migrants in Calais, to protest against the European policies, here in particular the French and British ones, and to affirm our full right to asylum, freedom of movement and installation for all migrants. The legal framework of asylum, its evermore restrictive implementation, as well as our migration policies, are completely at odds with the current realities of migration; the environmental reason is not taken into account, while the distinction between political and economic causes is artificial and absurd, denying the multiplicity of migrations and depoliticizing the environmental question!!

We demand:

• That the UK assumes its responsibilities with regards to migrants and that France unilaterally breaks the Le Touquet agreement.
• That the much heralded and promised national reception scheme is finally put in place in France, the only country in Europe, where migrants are left out on the streets without protection or support!
• The repeal of the Dublin Regulation and the dismantling of Frontex, which are the main causes of the tragedy that migrants live today in Europa and at its doors.
• The closure of all detention facilities, centres or hotspots in Europe, following the international call of June 2016.

We reaffirm more than ever that another Europe, with more solidarity, democracy, openness to the world and equality, is necessary! We are more than over opposed to the racist and criminal policies that are currently enacted against foreigners in Europe.

WE CALL FOR A DEMONSTRATION IN CALAIS ON SATURDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2016 AT 2PM

STARTING AT THE ‘JUNGLE’ (FINISHING AT PLACE D’ARMES)