Federal Council rejects the popular initiative for the protection of borders

The Swiss Federal Council decided to recommend that Parliament reject the popular initiative “Stop the Abuse of Asylum! (Initiative for the Protection of Borders)” without proposing a direct or indirect counter-proposal.

According to the Federal Council, the initiative’s demands, such as systematic border controls, a strict annual asylum cap of 5,000 persons, the exclusion of asylum and provisional admission for people entering via safe third countries, and far-reaching measures against irregular migrants, would have serious negative consequences. In particular, withdrawing from the Schengen/Dublin system could increase secondary migration, weaken internal security, harm the economy, and potentially breach international obligations, including the Refugee Convention and the European Convention on Human Rights.

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