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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