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1. In order to achieve a comprehensive common asylum policy, the external dimension needs to be further developed.
2. People usually realise who they really are during integration into a host society, especially when the values and people important for them are missing.
3. Unless adequate attention is paid to improve the situation in poor countries, sooner or later the developed countries will have to face the consequences. Islands of prosperity in an ocean of poverty and misery cannot exist.
4. In the present times, one can observe a broaden interpretation of the original Geneva Convention of Refugees, imposed by inventive illegal migrants and their lawyers.
5. The concept of *subsidiary protection*, as introduced by the EU, represents a significant addition to the UN protection system for people in need of international protection.
6. Truth cannot be denied, simply bought for money or passed by a vote. Even if its prospects seem to be extremely weak or completely lost, truth always wins.
7. Citizens often see the State as a collection of politicians.
8. To finish a PhD. thesis in the Netherlands can take longer than it took Homer to complete both the Iliad and the Odyssey.
9. In 2004, Slovakia had the fastest transforming business environment in the world.
10. In Bratislava, more kings and queens were crowned than in Amsterdam.
11. Perfection irritates the gods.