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Note by the author, Ass.Professor. S. Katsanevakis, after the publication of the article:

It has to be noted that the terms "illegal immigration" and "illegal immigrants" used in the article refer exclusively to the entrance of immigrants in Greek coasts by inflatable vessels, provided by criminal networks of smugglers and traffickers.

The use of the term does not imply any negative attitude or prejudice on displaced persons struggling for a better future.

Although the term "illegal immigration" is not inaccurate, the term "irregular immigration" would be a more appropriate term in this context, as suggested by the International Organization for Migration, as the former term carries a criminal connotation and might be seen as denying migrants' humanity.

