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A LITTLE LEADERSHIP, AT LAST

- Angela Merkel has faced up to how a humanitarian emergency is threatening a continent's defining values. The rest of Europe should pay attention, and follow suit

Visionary language is rarely heard from pro-Europeans these days; attempts to cast the EU as a morally based endeavour risk ridicule and scorn. The brave stance that **Angela Merkel**, not an easy woman to mock, has taken on the refugee and migrant crisis thus deserves close attention. The German chancellor has taken the lead on an issue that has, for too long, produced nothing but squabbling among member states, and fodder for the populists who would wall their countries off from the outside world.

Hundreds of thousands are fleeing war zones and persecution in Europe's worst refugee crisis since the second world war. The situation is not likely to change any time soon, and so it is welcome that someone with clout is taking the high ground, instead of pandering to demagoguery. Mrs Merkel has **put it bluntly**: "If Europe fails on the question of refugees, its close connection with universal civil rights will be destroyed."

/.../ Mrs Merkel has sent a timely signal that the lowest instincts must now be confronted. She has reminded Europe that it was built on values, including the imperative of "Never again", which flows directly from 1930s memories of Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria being shunned by other nations. Some will see other special reasons why **Germany** is proving more willing than others to open up to refugees...

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