Turkey Must Cut Migrant Flows to Europe: Top EU Official

BRUSSELS — European leaders are poised to demand that Turkey cut the number of migrants reaching Greece with Ankara’s help or face trade sanctions. Senior EU officials said the number of migrants, halved, the EU’s enforcement commission told the European Commission. The EU’s internal market commissioner, Neelie Kroes, was expected to announce the deal Monday, though the exact wording was not yet final. The deal would come as Greek officials try to deal with an influx of migrants and refugees from Syria and elsewhere. The deal would also include an agreement on measures to crack down on human trafficking and other crimes that have plagued Europe in recent years. The EU has been working with Turkey to find a solution to the migration crisis, which has left thousands of migrants and refugees stranded in Greece and other countries in the region. The deal would be a significant step forward in the EU’s efforts to address the crisis, which has been a major challenge for the union’s political leaders in recent months. The EU has been under pressure to take action on the issue, and the deal with Turkey is seen as an important step in that direction.