

Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic
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Dear Prime Minister Tsipras

I am gravely concerned for the safety and wellbeing of asylum seeking women, men and children trapped on the Greek islands and I am asking you to take action. People are living in increasingly harsh conditions and with the arrival of winter they need to be protected. That can only be achieved by ending the containment policy and transferring asylum seekers to the mainland. As a matter of urgency, and in parallel with lifting the containment policy, we call on you to make sure that by 21st December, official start of winter, the number of people in the camps doesn't exceed the nominal capacity.

People have been left in this terrible situation because of the EU-Turkey Deal, and it is the responsibility of Greek and European leaders to rectify this. Please lift the restrictions that keep people on the islands and move them to the Greek mainland so that they can be provided with warm shelter, safe living conditions, and services to meet their needs.

Sincerely,