

**Question for written answer E-004497/2019  
to the Commission  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Deplorable conditions for women and girls at the Moria refugee hotspot

Living conditions for asylum seekers and migrants at the Moria refugee hotspot are truly lamentable, with

around 16 800 crowded into a facility designed to accommodate less than 3 000. According to Human Rights Watch, this has created a climate of total insecurity among women and girls forced to live in close proximity to males with whom they are not related, especially since many of their tents are not fitted with safety closures. Furthermore, the survey reveals that they have no safe access to vital services and supplies, including shelter, food, water, sanitation and health care. They live in a menacing environment with very little protection from sexual harassment and violence. Women with disabilities face additional problems when toilets are far from the shelters or are not specially designed for them.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say what measures it will take to ensure safe and humane conditions for women and girls in accordance with its international obligations to uphold their human rights?
2. What are the reasons for the long delays in identifying vulnerable individuals in the hotspots, including victims of gender-based violence, pregnant women, young mothers and people with disabilities?