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**Subject:** COVID-19 prevention and containment measures on the border between Turkey and Greece

The COVID-19 containment measures recommended by the WHO and many other international health authorities include social distancing, isolation of contagious cases and the stringent implementation of hygiene measures. The Aegean refugee camps, such as Moria, are at five times over capacity and there is no basic access to water or soap. The overcrowding, added to the limitations placed on the activities of international agencies in the camps, have created a worrying state of affairs that could degenerate into an uncontrollable outbreak. The EU is duty-bound to safeguard human rights at international level and has a crucial role to play in a health emergency of this magnitude, which calls for the adoption of appropriate measures.

What will the Commission do to safeguard refugees, asylum seekers and humanitarian workers in the refugee camps in the Aegean and on the border between Turkey and Greece?

How will it monitor compliance with the preventive measures recommended by international experts and bodies?

How will it ensure that measures aimed at protecting staff in the camps do not leave the asylum seekers more vulnerable?