

**Question for written answer E-004976/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Violation of refugees' rights by the Greek Government

There have been reports in the international press of repeated violations of international law in the handling of refugees in Greece, where at least 1 072 refugees have been expelled from detention centres over the course of 31 operations that have cast families adrift in the Mediterranean on overburdened, motorless life rafts. Many NGOs, watchdogs and even the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees have acknowledged and confirmed these reports, which they deem entirely credible. Given the nature, frequency and scale of the problem, they are calling for a swift investigation.

In view of this blatant infringement of the law, what does the Commission intend to do to ensure that the Greek Government is neither complicit in this crime nor violating international law?