Question for written answer E-005077/2020 to the Commission Rule 138 Idoia Villanueva Ruiz (GUE/NGL)

Subject: The fire at the Moria camp

The fire at the Moria refugee camp on the island of Lesbos on 9 September sparked a new humanitarian crisis for some 13 000 people, including 4 000 children, who are now forced to live outside. They face food and water shortages, a lack of basic hygiene facilities, and are at an even greater risk of both infection from the coronavirus and violence by far-right groups. In view of the above:

- 1. What steps does the Commission plan to take to find an immediate solution and relocate these people? How does the Commission intend to ensure that the rights of these people, guaranteed by the treaties signed by the EU, are upheld?
- 2. Does the Commission oppose the Greek Government's policy of expelling these people from the EU's borders or its threat to make the processing of asylum applications conditional on their staying in makeshift tents?
- 3. How will the new European Pact on Asylum and Migration, which the Commission plans to unveil on 23 September, affect the situation at the Moria camp? Will the pact contain any statements on this situation?