

**Question for written answer E-005198/2020  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Treatment of minors, especially unaccompanied minors, at the French-British border

For the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 2019, Parliament wanted to emphasise the rights of all children, with a particular focus on those most at risk, including migrants.

However, at the French-British border, the treatment of children is nothing short of inhumane. In Calais and Grande-Synthe, many minors find themselves without long-term or even acceptable accommodation. The case of unaccompanied minors is even more worrying, as these highly vulnerable children are not adequately cared for.

The European Court of Human Rights has criticised France on many occasions for its 'degrading treatment' of exiles at Calais, most notably following a complaint by an Afghan minor in 2019. Although the EU claims to defend human rights and the rights of the child, it appears to sanction a lack of water, food and shelter, as well as exposure to sexual violence.

Does the Commission intend to enforce the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the Convention on the Rights of the Child at the French-British border?

Will the Commission require France to comply with ECHR decisions and, most importantly, provide shelter for unaccompanied minors and families?