

**Question for written answer E-006250/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: The Kara Tepe refugee camp on Lesbos

The new Kara Tepe refugee camp has no bathing facilities for the 7 000-plus refugees living there. The toilet facilities are inadequate and unhygienic. The refugees sleep in tents that are not insulated and often flood. At the moment, night-time temperatures are 9-10 degrees, which means that tented accommodation and the lack of warm clothing are becoming increasingly serious problems as the winter cold approaches. What is more, refugees have described the food they are given as inedible. According to Médecins Sans Frontières, children are at risk of developing chronic mental health problems as a result of the conditions in the camp. The coronavirus crisis, too, is having an adverse impact on the situation in the camp, partly because it is cut off from the community surrounding it, and partly owing to the refugees' vulnerability to infection¹.

1. Does the Commission take the view that the refugees on Lesbos are being treated in a dignified manner?
2. What is the Commission intending to do about the inhumane conditions on Lesbos?

¹ <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/28086/lesbos-a-mental-health-crisis-beneath-the-surface>