

**Priority question for written answer P-004956/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Situation in the Moria refugee camp

At the Moria refugee camp on the Greek island of Lesbos 13 000 people live in facilities set up to house just 3 000. The arrival of COVID-19 made the already unbearable situation there considerably worse. Hygiene conditions in the camps make containing the virus impossible.

Faced with this situation, the Greek authorities, in collusion with the EU and the other Member States, not only did not resettle the refugees from the camps, as the LIBE Committee has repeatedly called on them to do ¹, but instead chose to lock Moria down, thereby turning it into a de facto prison ². Yesterday, a fire destroyed 80 % of the camp, leaving its inhabitants without shelter of any kind ³.

1. Is the Commission ready with measures to provide for the people held until now in Moria and other camps?
2. In her response to the fire in Moria, Commissioner Johansson announced the resettlement of 400 unaccompanied minors. Will the Commission take further measures to resettle all the remaining people trapped in Moria?
3. Will the Commission penalise those Member States which, like Greece, are not meeting their human rights obligations?

¹ <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20200330IPR76106/refugees-in-greece-meps-demand-solidarity-warn-about-impact-of-health-crisis>.

² <https://www.euronews.com/2020/09/02/coronavirus-crowded-greek-refugee-camp-quarantined-after-covid-19-case>.

³ <https://www.euronews.com/2020/09/09/thousands-of-migrants-flee-massive-fire-at-lesbos-camp->.