

Dear Minister;

I am writing to express my grave concern on over a thousand refugees and migrants who face uninhabitable and unsafe conditions in three camps in Elliniko, Athens. Women and girls are at risk of sexual and gender-based violence. The authorities must urgently provide residents with adequate alternative housing, following a genuine consultation, with a view to close the camps.

I believe that the authorities must offer adequate, alternative housing to Elliniko residents with a view to close the three camps, following a genuine consultation, which ensures the meaningful participation of women and girls. Would you please take immediate measures to ensure the safety, security and health of residents, until adequate alternative housing is provided, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls ?

The authorities should guarantee that no one is rendered homeless or at risk of other human rights violations as a result of closing the camps. Alternative housing must be safe and secure, taking into account specific needs of women and girls, and should be in locations either within or with easy access to Athens, so that Elliniko residents can continue to receive support from networks they have established during their time in Elliniko, which include medical and mental health treatment.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,