

Dear Minister;

As intermittent border closure and restrictions are slowing down the flow of people, thousands of refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants aiming to cross the northern Greek border with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are having to sleep out in the open at a gas station in the town of Polykastro.

I call on Greek authorities to allow refugees, asylum seekers and migrants access to the transit camp in Idomeni without arbitrary restrictions, until the Greek authorities can ensure adequate reception conditions.

And I urge the authorities to ensure all refugees, asylum seekers and migrants taken to the border with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, or otherwise reaching the transit camp in Idomeni, have unrestricted access, to basic services such as winter appropriate shelter, hygiene facilities and round-the-clock medical treatment currently provided by NGOs and aid agencies and available at the Idomeni transit camp.

Your attention and action would be highly appreciated.

Yours respectfully,