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Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Ms Margareta Cederfelt
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OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

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Re: Relocation of unaccompanied child refugees

Dear Chairpersons,

Faced with the Covid-19 pandemic, refugee camps in Greece and elsewhere are in great need of humanitarian support.

Before the pandemic a few European states (including Luxembourg, Germany and the United Kingdom) have already agreed to receive unaccompanied child refugees from the highly overcrowded Greek islands.

We much welcome that EU Commissioner Ylva Johansson has set up a programme for financing relocation flights by the European Commission.

So far the pandemic has not reached these refugee camps. Now is the time to act before it does.

We urgently appeal to all Council of Europe and OSCE parliamentarians to back this initiative and intervene with their governments in order to ensure that vulnerable child refugees can be relocated within more of their states.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could forward this letter and appeal to your respective committee members.

We remain at their disposal and look forward to receiving wide support.

Please do not hesitate to contact Rüdiger Dossow, Secretary to the PACE Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons regarding any questions or correspondence by email rudiger.dossow@coe.int.

With best wishes,

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