

**Kyriakos Mitsotakis,  
Prime Minister of Greece  
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Dear Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis:

I am writing on behalf of the Organization for World Peace to urge you to carry out an official and transparent investigation of allegations that your government is violating due process of law for asylum seekers entering from Turkey.

Local media organizations, NGOs, and asylum seekers themselves have accused Greek border police of forcibly removing migrants from Greek camps and dropping them off at the Turkish border. Greek authorities have also been accused of shooting rubber bullets, beating, and sexually harassing migrants at the border. UNHCR and Human Rights Watch already called for investigations earlier this year.

The abuse of asylum seekers' rights is an urgent global issue. These people are vulnerable due to their displacement experiences, physiological trauma, and risk of contracting COVID-19. As witnessed through Italy's migrant quarantine program, there is a realistic and appropriate way to quarantine newly arrived migrants without jeopardizing the health security of Greece citizens. Greece is bound by the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights to recognize asylum seekers' protection against forcible return. Turkey does not qualify as a safe third party country for asylum seekers according to EU criteria. Forcibly returning asylum seekers to an unsafe country is against international human rights law and refutes refugee protection standards. The Organization for World Peace urges the Greek government to uphold EU and international laws that protect the right to asylum. Should an official investigation prove these allegations to be true, we recommend that the Greek government establishes new trainings for border control officers and authorities to protect migrants seeking asylum within the legal framework.

This global pandemic has taught us that our individual health and security is interdependent with others in our global community. Supporting vulnerable people will make Greece's neighboring area safer in the long run. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. We look forward to seeing this issue resolved.

Yours sincerely,

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