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Press Release

These days people all around the world are constantly discussing the disastrous coronavirus. Most of us have left our offices and many have closed their businesses to remain quarantined. Many have lost their lives and are not among us anymore while others are suffering the consequences of this virus. Without a doubt, we all are extremely worried for our lives. These days our first priority is our safety from the coronavirus, however, forgotten are the refugees. As we all know, whoever you are, this virus does not discriminate.

We, the Board Members of the European Global Civil Society Organization from different European countries, have discussed our worries and deep concerns for the health and safety of all those asylum seekers and refugees lacking suitable shelters, without any access to even basic health services, water, hygienic conditions. There are many videos of doctors from around the world giving directions on how to be safe, how to take care of our health and how to avoid the virus from spreading. The question is what happens when people have no suitable shelter or enough space to be able to take care of their health or the health of others?

We feel this to be an extremely urgent situation in need of immediate action by the European states, the United Nations and the international medical associations. Even volunteer doctors stress that this situation must be prioritized before the virus spreads among refugees, especially at the border of Greece, as in the Moria camp with 20,000 people. And there are many other similar overcrowded camps throughout Greece. They are all in danger. If this virus spreads in any of the camps, then how will the United Nations face such a devastating outcome?

There are over a million refugees in Turkey without needed documents such as IDs, therefore there's no access to hospitals for them and thousands are at the European borders. Europe is already contaminated and refugees could be the second most vulnerable group. The question is if anything happens to the camps in Greece, how will the the Greek and European authorities react?

We're asking the E.U. states to take steps in preventing such an inhumane situation for refugees and enable them the opportunity to live like other people.

We would like to thank all doctors, nurses and all those still offering help to refugees.

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