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**MINISTER**

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TO

**Ms. Maria OHISALO**  
Minister of the Interior

Finland

Dear colleague,

I trust you are well.

As you know, there is a considerable increase in migrant flows from Turkey to Greece in the last few weeks reaching the levels of 2015. Moreover, it is anticipated that migrant flows will persist through to October 2019.

The policy of the Greek government is to accelerate asylum procedures and to proceed with a comprehensive overhaul of the whole system in a bill to be presented in Parliament before the end of this month. Greece will fully implement the 2016 EU-Turkey Statement and action returns. Please note that we now promote policies which contribute to the integration of immigrants and refugees in mainland Greece.

I am writing to you because of the distressing humanitarian situation regarding two thousand five hundred unaccompanied minors that are now located in various camps in Greece. We need to act fast in order to take care of their situation, protect them and prevent abuse.

They need to be relocated in small structures specifically designed to accommodate minors, so that they are taken care of as appropriate. These minors can no longer remain in the Greek islands, while at the same time it is hardly possible to move them quickly in the mainland as the infrastructure to house them is lacking.

I would like to ask for your help in relocating them. It is a matter of utmost importance to them – as well as a measure of our humanity. EU and EU Associated States that have shown solidarity in this issue must act fast.

I have appended a list of relocation countries alongside numbers and quotas in the end of this letter.

The United Kingdom has been exempted as it has initiated the biggest program of voluntary relocation of migrants from Greece. Norway, Lichtenstein, Iceland and

Switzerland are EU Associated States that could contribute – whereas some EU countries are not in the list. Portugal, for instance, does not accept minors, though it does receive a large number of adults.

The quotas reflect country populations, requests for asylum during 2019 and sensitivity to requests within the Dublin framework.

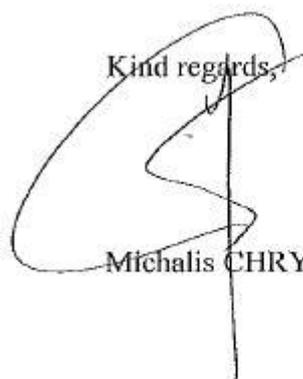
The overall political atmosphere within each country regarding the migration crisis has also been taken into consideration.

Quotas as expressed in percentages in the column on the right could apply as provisional guidelines for relocation of migrants. It is, of course, a matter for deliberation.

Country	Number of unaccompanied minors	percentage
Germany	350	14%
France	350	14%
Netherlands	150	6%
Belgium	150	6%
Norway	150	6%
Finland	150	6%
Sweden	150	6%
Austria	150	6%
Italia	100	4%
Spain	100	4%
Switzerland	100	4%
Romania	50	2%
Bulgaria	50	2%
Czechia	40	1,6%
Poland	40	1,6%

Hungary	40	1,6%
Lithuania	40	1,6%
Latvia	40	1,6%
Slovenia	40	1,6%
Slovakia	40	1,6%
Croatia	40	1,6%
Ireland	40	1,6%
Denmark	40	1,6%
Iceland	35	1.4%
Luxemburg	30	1.2%
Lichtenstein	15	0.6%
Cyprus	10	0,4%
Malta	10	0,4%
TOTAL	2500	100%

I would like to thank you in advance for your kind response to my letter.

Kind regards,  
  
Michalis CHRYSSOCHOIDIS