To: Mr. Dimitrios Iatridis, Secretary
General for the Reception of
Asylum Seekers

Subject: Publication of statistics of the reception/hostel facilities of applicants/applicants for international protection in mainland Greece and of displaced persons from Ukraine

Dear Mr. Iatridis,

In view of the 30.6.23 withdrawal of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) from the accommodation facilities of the inland reception system, the undersigned organizations are contacting you in order to express our concern regarding the lack of sufficient, publicly available statistics regarding the composition of the population of the residents in these facilities, as well as basic data concerning the operation of these facilities, such as the type of accommodation provided, the accessibility of transport, or the operation of recreational facilities and the quality of the accommodation.

As you know, until March 2022, relevant information was published on a monthly basis by the IOM in the form of so-called "SMS Factsheets" as part of its implementation of a programme to support the country's reception system.

These information notes were a good practice, as they made it possible, among other things, not only to be informed about any needs that still existed with regard to the proper functioning of the structures, but also, consequently, the possibility of planning programmes on the part of the organisations, with the aim of contributing to the functioning of the country's reception system, based on the country's obligations under European and international law.

In this context, we would like to ask you whether and what plans are in place to fill the gap in terms of the lack of adequate, publicly available data regarding the accommodation structures of the reception system, particularly in the hinterland, and to express our availability to support any actions that may be planned to fill this gap.

With a view to minimizing the burden on your Services, we could suggest that, in a first stage, efforts to fill the aforementioned gap should focus on the regular publication of data on nationalities, gender, age, number of children, with family or unaccompanied, the availability rate of VAT/AMC/PAYPA, the legal status and marital status of persons staying in shelters, including, where applicable, whether access to public transport is available, whether friendly spaces are available with

based on gender and age, as well as the degree of availability of doctors, psychologists and nurses in these structures.

Finally, to the same end, we wonder whether and what provision is made, respectively, for the re-publication of data regarding the arrivals/departures of Ukrainian citizens, as well as any issues related to the access of beneficiaries of temporary protection to necessary documents and services in Greece.

In any case, pending your response, we remain at your disposal and reiterate our availability to support your Services in their efforts to fulfil the aforementioned.

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of the undersigned organisations,

Lefteris Papagiannakis,
Director of the Greek Council for Refugees

Signatory organisations

ARSIS - Social Youth Support Organization
Network for the Rights of the Child
Diotima - Centre for Gender Rights and Equality Hellenic
Network for the Right to Housing Hellenic Council for
Refugees (GCR)
Greek Forum of Migrants
Sea of Solidarity - Thalassa of Solidarity
Symbiosis - Council of Europe School of Political Studies in Greece Action for Women
Hellas
Better Days Greece
Changemakers Lab
Defence for Children International - Greece
ECHO100PLUS
Equal Legal Aid
Equal Rights Beyond Borders
European Lawyers in Lesvos (ELIL)
Fenix Humanitarian legal Aid
Habibi.Works
HIAS Greece I
Have Rights
Inter Alia
International Rescue Committee (IRC) Hellas
INTERSOS Hellas
Irida Women's Center
Jesuit Refugee Service Greece
Legal Centre Lesvos

Lighthouse Relief
Mobile Info Team
Refugee Legal Support
Safe Passage International
Samos Volunteers
Second Tree
The HOME Project
Yoga & Sports with Refugees