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*Brussels, 13 July 2018*

**Ms. Christiana Kalogirou**  
**Regional Governor of the North Aegean**

**Mr. Spyros Galinos**  
**Mayor of Lesvos**

Dear Mrs. Kalogirou,

Dear Mr. Galinos,

We are writing this letter because we are very sad and worried that the PIKPA refugee camp on Lesvos received a notice of closure by the Regional Government of the North Aegean. Since it was set up in 2012, PIKPA has been an important self-organised space for hosting refugees, supported by thousands of volunteers. It plays a crucial role for the protection of asylum seekers on Lesvos. As you know, PIKPA provides shelter to particularly vulnerable asylum seekers, families, and survivors of shipwrecks.

Many of us have visited PIKPA in the past years and were impressed by the amazing efforts of volunteers to take care of refugees and respond to their special needs. We are very concerned that this could be put to an end now. We urge you to do everything possible to help solve the problem that led to the unfortunate decision and to maintain PIKPA open.

Yours faithfully,

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