Geneva, 29 February 2024

Re: Stop the Inhumanity at Europe’s Borders!

Excellency,

This letter marks the start of an extended campaign of demands with a single theme: All asylum-seekers and migrants must be treated with humanity, respect, dignity, and in accordance with international law.

More than 100 civil society organisations have so far signed this letter addressed to European Heads of Government and copied to relevant Ministers and parliamentarians. The signatories represent organisations in (add your country) and other countries in Europe, and beyond, who share one concern – a determination to stop the inhumanity being perpetrated by European states on asylum seekers and other migrants arriving at their borders, in flagrant breach of State obligations under refugee, human rights, and maritime international law.

In the attached Collective Demand, we set out policies needed to restore the humanity that all state institutions should demonstrate when dealing with human beings. People must be treated with respect and dignity. Far too often, they are physically abused, tortured, verbally insulted, and, in some cases deliberately placed in mortal danger by the very institutions which should be to protecting them.

This must stop.

We look forward to learning how you and your government colleagues, and relevant institutions, will address the measures set out in our Collective Demand to end the inhumanity at Europe's borders.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. (add relevant ministries... usually Foreign Affairs, Justice and Interior)

The current list of signatories to the Campaign is available here: https://www.against-inhumanity.org/campaigns/stop-the-inhumanity-at-europes-borders/#signatories