Dear [your name],

Following on from our previous correspondence, I would like to make you aware of a series of incidents unfolding on Samos right now.

On Sunday evening, two separate fires broke out in the Samos refugee camp. The first fire in the so-called “jungle” area destroyed an estimated 30 tents, while the second, and even larger fire, ravaged several housing containers, as well as many of the camp’s facilities.

On Monday morning, as camp residents came to terms with Sunday night’s damage, a third fire broke out.

**Though it is currently unknown how many containers and tents have been destroyed, it is clear that many people - several hundred - have lost their homes in the fire, and a significant portion of the camp facilities have been destroyed.**

Sadly, it is the second time in less than a year that a large area of the camp has burned down. On the 14th of October 2019, more than 700 people’s tents and belongings were lost. This is a trend that we are seeing across the camps of the Greek islands:

* On the 18th of April 2020, a fire broke out in the Vial camp on Chios, destroying many camp facilities and housing containers
* On the 16th of March 2020, a child was killed in a fire in the Moria camp on Lesvos
* On the 5th of December 2019, a man was killed in a fire in the Kara Tepe camp
* On the 29th of September 2019, two people were killed in a blaze in the Moria camp

Despite these recurring incidents, little has been done to decongest the overcrowded camps.

It is a wonder that no one died in this most recent series of fires on Samos. Greek local communities and humanitarian organisations have been sounding the alarm for several years now, but to little response from political actors. What level of human suffering must take place in order for the European Union to act?

Evacuation of the overcrowded camp is more urgent than ever.

Kind regards,

[your name]