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An update from Advocates Abroad

Dear <<First Name>>,

I'm writing to you today with an update on our activities over the last three months.

Since our last update:

- 1. We have filed 9 complaints with the Greek Ombudsman Office on matters of police abuse, unfit reception centers and mass arrests, which has resulted in the complaints filed to the Prosecutor of Samos for police violence, an abused minor removed from Samos and protected now in Athens, and other positive actions following our complaints.
- 2. There have been several thousand new arrivals on a number of Greek islands, with still far too many thousands trapped in difficult situations in the hotspots.
- 3. We've seen over 100 volunteers run missions in Greece, Turkey, and

Switzerland since the beginning of our program. They range in legal practices and bring a diverse background to our team, with volunteers coming from the USA, South America and all over Europe.

- 4. We have released two research documents on SSRN. Both have been featured in 10 Top Ten Most Downloaded Lists on SSRN.
 - 1. Our paper on detention practices
 - 2. Our paper on discrimination
- 5. Our externship team arrived in Greece this week, many thanks to our Academic Coordinator, Catherine Moore, who brought 8 Fellows from the University of Baltimore Law School.
- 6. We have set up a dedicated Swiss mission because an increasing number of refugees have requested assistance and our Swiss attorneys have moved from the remote team to the field team, upon their own request.
- 7. We have also set up a medical advocacy team to ensure that refugee patients in Greek hospitals and clinics are fully informed on their rights and receive the full treatment to which they are entitled.

Our mission is to preserve human dignity and the guarantees of asylum rights through the provision of free legal service to all asylum seekers.

Our ability to continue providing support to refugees depends on the determination of our hard-working and caring volunteers, the financial support of these amazing organisations and individual supporters.

Please consider donating to Advocates Abroad today.

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Until next time,

Ariel Ricker,

Executive Director

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