

Statement by Jean Asselborn on the transfer of twelve unaccompanied refugee minors to Luxembourg

Following a phone call this morning with the Greek Alternate Minister for Migration and Asylum Policy, Georges Koumoutsakos, we decided that on the basis of a fruitful coordination between the Greek authorities, the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Luxembourg will welcome next week twelve unaccompanied minors currently on the Greek islands of Lesbos and Chios.

The transfer is organised by the IOM.

I thank the Greek authorities and especially my friends, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Nikos Dendias and the Alternate Minister Georges Koumoutsakos, as well as the officials of the UNHCR and the IOM for having contributed to concretise this gesture of solidarity with Greece and to offer the perspective of a dignified life to these young people in our country.