



Continuing its interest in the mobilization of exiles and in rebellions in their camps, Migreurop is participating in international observations of the Moria trial in which 35 people are being prosecuted for denouncing during a demonstration the inhuman conditions of their detention. With its experience of observing legal processes, the Migreurop network, which has adopted a position favourable to the closure of all camps for foreigners, is present at this trial, which symbolizes the unjust migration policies adopted by members of the European Union (EU). By its presence and via daily reports, the network will support the exiles' actions by helping to keep them in the public eye

**Opening of the « Moria 35 » trial on 20 April on Chios Island (Greece)
Statement from the Trial Observation Delegation**

On the 18th of July 2017, 35 residents of Moria hotspot on Lesbos Island in Greece were arrested after a demonstration organised in the camp earlier in the day. Hundreds of the camps inhabitants took part in this protest against their inhumane living conditions.

A few days later, Amnesty International [have called on Greek authorities](#) to immediately investigate the allegations of excessive use of force and ill-treatment allegedly committed by the police. This police violence has been filmed and [disseminated in the media](#) in the days that followed the demonstration.

35 inhabitants of the camp now stand accused of various serious offences.

The « Moria 35 » trial, begins on 20 April on Chios Island in Greece.

Prosecuted for arson, resisting arrest, attempted assault, rioting, damage to private property and disturbing the public peace, they risk up to 10 years in prison, exclusion to the right of asylum and deportation to countries, which they fled. 30 of them are in custody since July 2017.

The signatories of this Statement consider it essential that the trial has an international public audience. Our organizations will be attending hearings for the entire duration of the trial in order to ensure international oversight and observe the proceedings in view of the principles of independence and impartiality of courts and the right to a fair trial.

Signatory organisations / Organisations signataires :

- International Association of Democratic Lawyers
- European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and Human Rights
- European Democratic Lawyers (Avocats Européens Démocrates)
- Migreurop
- Avocats Sans Frontières France
- Dutch League for Human Rights
- Gisti (Groupe d'information et de soutien des immigré·e·s)
- Swiss Democratic Lawyers / Juristes démocrates de Suisse (DJS – JDS)

On the living conditions in Moria camp and on the consequences of the EU-Turkey Deal:

- See [GISTI Mission report](#) « EU-Turkey Statement: The Great Deception », July 2016

Sur les conditions de vie dans le hotspot de Moria et sur les conséquences de l'accord UE-Turquie :

- Voir le [rapport du Gisti](#) « Accord UE-Turquie, la grande imposture - Gisti », juillet 2016

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