



# “French detention and immigration human rights protection” says Co

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“Security concerns should not undermine these standards.” With these words, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, [Thore Sjaastad](#), stressed that “the proposed revision of prisoners’ fundamental rights, and more effective measures to prevent mental disorders.”

“the ‘unacceptable living conditions of overcrowding, lack of privacy, dilapidated facilities and the high level of suicides in French prisons’ penitentiary system.” Urging the Council to “reaffirm its commitment to the protection of prisoners’ fundamental rights, and more effective measures to prevent mental disorders.”

“Dangerousness, on the basis of which prevention of crime is a legal or scientific concept” he said. “Harsh measures should be based on the principle of proportionality in the first instance.”

“The Council of Europe’s role is to ensure that the system of detention is based on the principle of proportionality rather than punishment.”

“Migrants are not numbers and even the most vulnerable deserve humane treatment” he said. “No further steps should be taken to complete asylum applications for people from Macedonia”

