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Refugees wait to cross Greece's border with Macedonia, near Idomeni yesterday **YANNIS BEHRAKIS/REUTERS**

Refugees welcome*

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Britain will resettle up to 20,000 refugees who have fled from the conflict in Syria, David Cameron announced yesterday, but some may not arrive until the end of the decade and could face deportation after they have been in the UK for five years.

Refugee groups and opposition politicians lined up to criticise the announcement made by the Prime Minister for being "pitifully short of what's needed" to tackle the crisis. The Speaker of the Commons has granted an emergency debate on the issue today.

Mr Cameron claimed the UK's new resettlement scheme would ensure that vul-

nerable children – including orphans – are a priority, following in the tradition of the Kindertransport programme that helped Jewish children escape from Nazi Germany.

But it later emerged all those accepted under the scheme will only be given the right to remain in the UK for five years. This, the former leader of the Liberal Democrats Lord Ashdown sug-

gested, could mean orphans and children being deported at the age of 18 having made a new life in Britain. A government spokesman said that after the five-year period refugees could apply for indefinite leave to remain.

More than 370,000 people have now signed *The Independent's* petition urging the Government to take immediate action to open the

country's doors to refugees. In addition, at least 5,000 people have volunteered to provide housing and assistance to refugees. Over 40 councils are discussing accommodating refugees in their cities.

A poll for *The Independent* today by ORB finds that nearly half of Britons believe that the Government should "do

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