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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 95th session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of the Italy, pursuant to Article 9 (1) of the Convention, and Rule 65 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 17 (a), 20 (b), 20 (g), 22 (a) and 22 (b) of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/ITA/CO/19-20), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 19th and 20th periodic reports, at its 91st session held in November/December 2016.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party, and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues be included in its 21st periodic report to be submitted in a single document by 4 February 2019.

Paragraph 17 (a) of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for the information it provided on anti-discrimination awareness campaigns and educational activities, and on monitoring of social media for hate speech. However, the Committee regrets the State party's information that it does not record bias motivations of crimes, and is concerned by the lack of statistics on criminal cases brought for acts of racist hate speech, incitement to racial hatred, and racial discrimination, as well as on any

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remedies provided to victims. The Committee requests that the State party provide these statistics in its next periodic report, in addition to information on any measures taken to collect information on the bias motivation of crimes.


Paragraphs 20 (b), 20 (g) of the Concluding Observations. The Committee thanks the State party for the information it provided on its significant efforts to rescue and provide protection to migrants, and to provide beneficiaries of international protection with residence and work permits. However, the Committee regrets not having received a clear response on whether the State party has decriminalized irregular re-entry or stay in its territory. Also, while noting the State party's assertion that the principle of non-refoulement is always respected, the Committee is concerned by the insufficiency of information on specific measures taken to guarantee an individualized assessment of the risk faced by asylum applicants upon return. The Committee requests that the State party provide this information in its next periodic report, as well as recent relevant statistics, disaggregated by nationality, on applications for international protection filed and granted, and on the grounds on which such applications have been denied.

Paragraphs 22 (a), 22 (b) of the Concluding Observations: The Committee, while thanking the State party for the general information it provided concerning the discussions held by the National Office against Racial Discrimination and other relevant bodies on residential settlements of Roma, Sinti and Camminanti (RSC) communities, regrets the lack of precision and remains concerned by: (1) the absence of an indication as to whether forced evictions continue to be conducted in such settlements; and (2) the insufficiency of information about the implementation of residential desegregation, other concrete measures implemented to ensure adequate accommodation for RSC communities. The Committee requests that the State party provide detailed information in its next periodic report.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Italy, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

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