



UNITED NATIONS
**HUMAN RIGHTS
TREATY BODIES**

HAUT-COMMISSARIAT DES NATIONS UNIES AUX DROITS DE L'HOMME • OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
PALAIS DES NATIONS • 1211 GENEVA 10, SWITZERLAND

www.ohchr.org • TEL: +41 22 917 9000 • FAX: +41 22 917 9008 • E-MAIL: ohchr-registry@un.org

REFERENCE: CERD/117th Session/FU/CS/CS/ks

5 May 2026

Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, during its 117th session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Italy, pursuant to article 9 (1) of the Convention and rule 74 (ex-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 15 (c) (discrimination against Roma, Sinti and Camminanti), 17 (c)–(i) (situation of migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees) and 21 (d) and (e) (migrant workers) of the Concluding Observations [CERD/C/ITA/CO/21](#) adopted following the consideration of the State Party's 21st periodic report at its 110th session, held in August 2023.

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 next periodic report.

Paragraph 15 (c) of the Concluding Observations

The Committee takes note of the information provided by the State Party that the housing axis of the National Strategy for Equality, Inclusion and Participation of Roma and Sinti 2021–2030 constitutes a strategic priority for overcoming the conditions of marginalization, spatial segregation and structural disadvantage that continue to affect a significant share of the Roma and Sinti population. It also takes note of the information that the Strategy underlines the importance of a structural and long-term approach, combining national coordination and local implementation, with emphasis on capacity building of institutions and the creation of a multi-level, multi-stakeholder governance system.

H.E. Mr. Luigi Maria Vignali
Permanent Representative of Italy
to the United Nations Office
Geneva
e-mail: rappoi.ginevra@esteri.it

The Committee further notes the information indicating that, since 2018, the National Office Against Racial Discrimination (UNAR) has promoted the development of Local Action Plans, implemented through local dialogue and coordination platforms led by municipalities such as Rome, Cagliari, Milan, Genoa, Naples, Bari, Messina, and Catania. It also notes that UNAR, in cooperation with the Conference of Regions, launched Regional Action Plans to support the design and implementation of measures for social and housing inclusion.

The Committee also takes note of the information that the the National Strategy for Equality, Inclusion and Participation of Roma and Sinti 2021–2030 foresees a new dedicated survey carried out by the Italian National Institute for Statistic to evaluate the quality of housing transition pathways, and to compare the conditions of Roma and Sinti people benefiting from housing programmes with those still living in informal or segregated settlements.

Nevertheless, the Committee regrets the lack of sufficient information on the measures adopted by the State Party to effectively prevent forced evictions of Roma, Sinti and Camminanti communities and to ensure that the families and individuals affected are provided with adequate alternative housing and compensation when such evictions are absolutely necessary.

The Committee considers the response to this recommendation partially satisfactory and requests the State Party to provide, in its next periodic report, information on measures taken to fully implement the recommendation. It also requests the State Party to include disaggregated data on forced evictions affecting Roma, Sinti and Camminanti communities, as well as on individuals and families from these communities who have benefited from housing programmes since the adoption of the last Concluding Observations.

Paragraph 17 (c)–(i) of the Concluding Observations

The Committee takes note of the information provided by the State Party that the National Asylum Commission yearly updates the training for officers of the Territorial Commissions on International Protection, which includes modules on interviewing vulnerable persons. It also takes note of the various trainings provided by the Observatory for Security against Acts of Discrimination to law enforcement officials and authorities working on migration, including on intercultural pedagogy, human rights, discrimination-based crimes, bias indicators, vulnerable victims and ethnic-racial profiling. It further notes of the existence of specific guidelines and manuals for relevant institutional actors on the identification of vulnerable applicant for international protection.

The Committee considers the response to recommendation 17 (i) of the Concluding Observations to be satisfactory. It requests the State Party to provide, in its next periodic report, updated information on additional measures adopted by the State Party to implement the recommendation.



UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODIES

HAUT-COMMISSARIAT DES NATIONS UNIES AUX DROITS DE L'HOMME • OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
PALAIS DES NATIONS • 1211 GENEVA 10, SWITZERLAND

www.ohchr.org • TEL: +41 22 917 9000 • FAX: +41 22 917 9008 • E-MAIL: ohchr-registry@un.org

The Committee takes note of the information provided by the State Party that the non-refoulement principle is established by Italian law and is fully implemented in practice. It also takes note that the State Party indicates that its migration strategy focuses on three main pillars: strengthening fight against human trafficking, smuggling and criminal organizations; strengthening and expanding legal and safe channels of migration; and removing underlying causes.

The Committee further notes that, Article 19, paragraph 1, of the State Party's Unified Text on Immigration establishes that: "In no case may expulsion be carried out if the foreigner in the country of destination may be persecuted for reasons of race, sex, language, nationality, religion, political opinion, personal or social conditions, or may risk being returned to another state where he is not protected from persecution."

While noting the information provided by the State Party, including on legislation relating to migration and international protection, the Committee regrets the lack of sufficient and specific information on the measures adopted to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 17 (c) to (h) of the Concluding Observations.

Furthermore, the Committee is concerned about the adverse impact of recent legislative developments and international agreements concluded with other States, on the protection and enjoyment of the human rights of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, including Legislative Decree No 37/2025, of 28 March 2025, on urgent measures to combat irregular immigration; the Protocol between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania for the strengthening of cooperation on migration matters, of 6 November 2023; and Law No 14/2024, of 21 February 2024, on ratification and implementation of the cited Protocol.

The Committee considers the response to recommendations 17 (c)–(h) of the Concluding Observations to be unsatisfactory. It requests the State Party to provide, in its next periodic report, information on measures taken to fully implement these recommendations. It also requests the State Party to include information on the measures adopted to ensure that its legislative framework and migration agreements entered into with other States, including the abovementioned Protocol with the Republic of Albania, are fully consistent with the State Party's legal obligations under the Convention and other relevant instruments of international human rights and refugee law.

Paragraph 21 (d) and (e) of the Concluding Observations

The Committee takes note of the information provided by the State Party that the Inclusion of Foreign Citizens Project ("Inclusione Cittadini Stranieri" – INCAS Project), which supports local authorities in the processes of inclusion of foreign citizens and interventions to combat labour exploitation in agriculture and forced labour ("caporalato"), has been extended to all labour-related sectors. It also notes that the INCAS Project has led to the development and adoption of local multi-sectoral plans for the fight against labour exploitation in agriculture and against "caporalato".



UNITED NATIONS
**HUMAN RIGHTS
TREATY BODIES**

HAUT-COMMISSARIAT DES NATIONS UNIES AUX DROITS DE L'HOMME • OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
PALAIS DES NATIONS • 1211 GENEVA 10, SWITZERLAND

www.ohchr.org • TEL: +41 22 917 9000 • FAX: +41 22 917 9008 • E-MAIL: ohchr-registry@un.org

While acknowledging the efforts undertaken by the State Party, the Committee regrets the lack of sufficient information on the measures adopted to ensure that migrants in an irregular situation could engage in income-generating activities that provide them and their families with a decent standard of living. The Committee considers the response to recommendation 21 (d) of the Concluding Observations to be unsatisfactory. It requests the State Party to include, in its next periodic report, information on the measures taken to fully implement the recommendation.

The Committee takes note of the information provided by the State Party on the measures adopted to support migrant workers to enhance their skills, including through vocational training, notably the Protection Together with Integration Target (“Protezione Unita a Obiettivo Integrazione”- PUOI), the PUOI Plus and the *Percorsi* projects.

It also takes note that under the Reception and Integration System (“Sistema Accoglienza Integrazione” – SAI), local authorities provide integration services, including linguistic and intercultural mediation; vocational training and retraining; orientation and accompaniment for work, housing and social integration, legal accompaniment and psycho-socio-health protection, as well as additional specific services for unaccompanied foreign minors.

While acknowledging the efforts undertaken by the State Party, it regrets the lack of sufficient information on measures adopted to address the lack of opportunities for migrant workers who are compelled to perform manual tasks to improve their skills. The Committee considers the response to recommendation 21 (e) of the Concluding Observations to be partially satisfactory. It requests the State Party to include, in its next periodic report, information on concrete measures taken to fully implement the recommendation.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gün Kut'.

Gün Kut
Chair

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination