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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 83rd session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Italy, pursuant to 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 13 and 15 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/ITA/CO/16-18), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 16th to 18th periodic report during its 80th session in March 2012.

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 to be included in its 19th and 20th periodic reports, to be submitted in a single document by 4 February 2015.

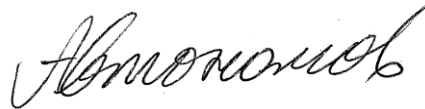
Paragraph 13 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for the information concerning its efforts to establish an independent national human rights institution, including the adoption of Bill No.2720 by the Senate in July 2012. However, the Committee is concerned by reports that the text of the Bill is not available publicly, and that civil society organizations have not been consulted in the drafting process. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation to actively consult civil society actors in the process of establishing a national human rights institution to ensure its legitimacy and credibility, and requests that the State party provide further information in this regard in its next periodic report.

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Paragraph 15 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for the information provided on measures taken to improve the situation of Roma, Sinti and Caminanti communities, including the adoption of the National Roma Integration Strategies. The Committee also notes that 17 million Euros initially allocated for the Nomad Emergency Decree (NED) will be redistributed by the Ministry of Interior to the municipalities which were previously involved in NED. The Committee however regrets the lack of information concerning the provision of effective remedies to affected Roma and Sinti communities following the implementation of NED, as recommended by the Committee in its concluding observations. The Committee requests the State party to provide, in its next periodic report, concrete information on effective remedies provided to Roma and Sinti communities, including the provision of appropriate housing, as well as clarification on whether the affected Roma and Sinti communities have been able to benefit directly from the funds that have been redistributed to the municipalities.

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.



Alexei Avtonomov
Chair

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination