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Meeting: 1514th meeting (December 2024) (DH)

Reply from the authorities (20/11/2024) following a communication from an NGO (European Roma Rights Centre) (21/10/2024) concerning the case of X and Others v. Albania (Application No. 73548/17).

Information made available under Rule 9.6 of the Rules of the Committee of Ministers for the supervision of the execution of judgments and of the terms of friendly settlements.

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Réunion : 1514^e réunion (décembre 2024) (DH)

Réponse des autorités (20/11/2024) suite à une communication d'une ONG (European Roma Rights Centre) (21/10/2024) relative à l'affaire X et autres c. Albanie (requête n° 73548/17) **[anglais uniquement]**

Informations mises à disposition en vertu de la Règle 9.6 des Règles du Comité des Ministres pour la surveillance de l'exécution des arrêts et des termes des règlements amiables.

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Tirana, on 20 . 11 . 2024

To: Ms. Dimitrina Lilovska – Head of Division
Department for the Execution of Judgments of the ECHR
DGI - Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law

Council of Europe
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France

Ref: On the execution of ECtHR judgment on “X and others v. Albania” (Application no. 73548/17 and 45521/19)

Dear Madam,

In the framework of the cooperation between the Government of Albania and the Department of Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, following the updated information submitted to the Committee on 17 October 2024, and in reply to the Rule 9.2 communication letter submitted by the ERRC regarding the execution of ECtHR judgment on “X and others v. Albania” (application no. 73548/17 and 45521/19), the Government would like to submit the following:

The Albanian Government in the Action Plan of May 2023 has provided comprehensive and detailed information on the most important legislative and institutional measures that have been taken by the Albanian authorities aiming at addressing the issue of school segregation and achieve inclusive education in Albania.

As already mentioned in the Action Plan and in the Updated Information of October 2024, ensuring equal access to education and full integration of the Roma and Egyptian minorities in the education system can only be achieved if the causes that have led to inequality and exclusion are addressed systematically. This is a long and laborious process that requires close coordination and cooperation between local, national and international stakeholders.

At the same time, the Albanian Government is aware that additional efforts are required to promote effective equality and full socio-economic inclusion of Roma and Egyptian communities and in this regard, the authorities reiterate their strong commitment to work closely with all relevant stakeholders in order to bring tangible results in ensuring full access and inclusion of Roma and Egyptian pupils in qualitative education without being subject to discrimination and segregation.

In relation to individual measures, the Government would like to clarify that according to the data provided by the Regional Directorate of Preschool Education, in Korça, two applicant pupils are enrolled in the "Naim Frashëri" school, but it results that one of them is not attending the school. He will reach the age of compulsory education in 2025. The working group on addressing school dropout cases has made different home visit to ensuring the return of the applicant to school, but without success.

The other applicant pupil has returned to school after having dropped out and the school has informed the family about the possibility to continue the education in other schools, but the family did not agree to transfer the applicant to other schools, due to very close proximity with Naim Frashëri school.

One of the applicants, as already informed has been transferred and is attending the "Asdreni" school.

As regards the claims in the communication from the ERRC, that one of the applicants has been refused to enroll in Asdreni school, from preliminary contacts with the Regional Directorate of Preuniversity Education, it results that the responsible authorities were not aware of this situation, but the Government will inform the Committee as soon as more information will be available.

In conclusion, please find attached preliminary statistical data on the number of Roma and Egyptian students at the "Naim Frashëri" school for the 2024-2025 school year.

Yours sincerely,

ODISE MOÇKA

GENERAL STATE ADVOCATE



**INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PUPILS
AT "NAIM FRASHËRI" SCHOOL AND SUBORDIATED SCHOOLS IN KORÇA**

School	Total		Roma		Egyptians		%R	%E	T others
	T	F	T	F	T	F			
N. Frasheri	95	36	18	4	63	27	19%	66%	14%
Ravonik	51	24	0	0	1	0			
Turan	18	12	0	0	0	0			
Preschool	23	12	0	0	0	0			
Total	187	84	18	4	64	27			

- **T:** Total number of pupils
- **F:** Female pupils
- **%R:** Percentage of Roma pupils
- **%E:** Percentage of Egyptian pupils