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RESPONSE FROM ERRC TO THE OMBUDSMAN'S OBSERVATIONS

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Subject: Endorsement of Observations by the French Défenseur des Droits in Support of ERRC's Collective Complaint no.230/2023

Dear Mr. Henrik Kristensen,

The European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) wishes to formally endorse the information provided by the French Défenseur des droits in their observations registered on 22 July 2024. We consider that these observations further strengthen the arguments presented in our collective complaint, as well as the additional observations submitted by the ERRC on 20 September 2024.

The evidence provided by the French Défenseur des droits once again highlights the seriousness of the issues faced by Travellers in France, as raised in our complaint. Specifically, it demonstrates that France, by imposing fixed fines for unauthorized halting to establish even temporary homes, has failed to ensure effective access to housing for Travellers and has contributed to their systemic discrimination, in violation of the relevant provisions of the Charter.

We trust that the Committee will take these additional points into consideration in its deliberations.

Sincerely,



On behalf of the European Roma Rights Centre,
Dorde Jovanovic, President.