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**Case Document No. 5**

**European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) v. Italy**  
Complaint No. 244/2025

## **UPDATED INFORMATION FROM ERRC**

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**Subject:** Response to Request for Updated Information - European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) v. Italy, Complaint No. 244/2025

Dear Mr. Kristensen,

On behalf of the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC), thank you for your letter dated 19 May 2025 regarding the Government's observations on the admissibility of the above-mentioned collective complaint and the Committee's request for updated information on the current situation of the Roma previously residing in the Via Carrafiello camp.

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide further information, ahead of the 26 May 2025 deadline.

**Updated Information on the Current Whereabouts and Living Conditions**

Following the imminent threat of eviction in April 2025, all Romani families—approximately 300 individuals—have relocated a few dozen meters from the former Via Carrafiello settlement to a nearby private agricultural plot of land reportedly owned by Mr. Cacciapuoti. Unfortunately, there is no formal or informal agreement in place between Mr. Cacciapuoti and the Romani families permitting their stay on this land.

While we are unable to provide an exact address or GPS coordinates at this time, we can confirm the location is in the immediate vicinity of the previous camp.

The housing and living conditions on this new site have significantly worsened. Families are now living in tents, shacks, and vans, without proper shelter. There is no access to electricity and no sanitation facilities (toilets or showers). Pits have been dug to compensate for the lack of toilets. There is only one water fountain located at the entrance of the site. The land is agricultural, prone to mud and dust, especially during rain or wind, worsening hygiene and respiratory risks.

### **Timeline of Events**

The relocation occurred between 21 and 30 April 2025. As of now, the Roma remain in this precarious situation, with growing concern about a new forced displacement and the complete lack of access to basic rights and services.

### **Health and Safety Concerns**

A portion of the land is known to be contaminated with asbestos. While we lack detailed technical data, the presence of asbestos in any form represents a serious risk to health and safety. Among the camp residents are adults with chronic conditions, such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and reportedly two children with tumors. The area falls within “Terra dei Fuochi”, a region already widely known for severe environmental pollution, further aggravating health risks.

### **Social Support and Institutional Response**

No formal eviction notices or relocation plan has been communicated by the Prefect’s Office. The Prefecture is searching for alternative public land, as Mr. Cacciapuoti has requested the return of his property, suggesting an imminent second eviction. Social services are involved only at a minimal level and have not yet identified a concrete housing solution.

### **Impact on Education**

Due to the relocation and deteriorated living conditions, several children are no longer attending school. We do not have precise numbers at this time, but it is clear that the move has disrupted access to education, with no known intervention from local schools or educational authorities to facilitate re-enrolment.

We will submit the full response to the Government's observations on admissibility by 16 June 2025, as invited.

Should you require any additional clarifications or materials, our local partners from Associazione 21 Luglio are scheduled to visit the site on 29 May 2025, and we will follow up accordingly.

Please find attached photographic documentation reflecting the current conditions of the site and the community.

We thank the Committee for its continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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