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Veřejný ochránce práv (ombudsman),
The Public Defender of Rights (Ombudsman)
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The Czech Republic.
E-mail:

Request for the provision of information

Dear Mr. Pavel Pořízek,

The [redacted] is an international public interest law organisation engaging in a range of activities aimed at combating anti-Romani racism and human rights abuse of Roma. The approach of the [redacted] involves strategic litigation, international advocacy, research and policy development and training of Romani activists. The [redacted] has consultative status with the Council of Europe, as well as with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

The [redacted] is in the process of preparing a report on the role of Equality Bodies in the protection and promotion of equality for Roma. The report will be published and will review the situation in 10 European countries. In this context, the [redacted] hereby requests data and relevant information from your office as set out below.

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, Article/Section 4(1) and 3(1), I hereby requests data in response to the following questions as soon as possible and, in any event, within the statutory time frame:

1. In the last 3 years (2010, 2011 and 2012), how many complaints were submitted annually to the Equality Body?
2. In the last 3 years, how many complaints were submitted annually on the grounds of racial/ethnic discrimination?
3. How many of those complaints on the grounds of racial/ethnic discrimination were submitted annually which related to discrimination against Roma?
4. In the last 3 years, how many complaints were submitted annually by Roma which were *not* the grounds of racial/ethnic discrimination?
5. How many of these complaints in each of the four categories above:
 - a) resulted in a decision by the Equality Body;
 - b) were dismissed or withdrawn;
 - c) are still pending?

6. Where there was a decision, in how many was there a finding of discrimination?
7. What were the outcomes of these cases? A legally binding decision, a non-binding opinion, other (please specify)?
8. Was there any case which closed with agreement or settled by conciliation procedure?
9. Has the Equality Body the competence to sanction racial or ethnic discrimination, by imposing a fine or other pecuniary means? If yes, how many sanctions have been enacted annually in cases related to discrimination against Roma in 2010, 2011 and 2012?
10. Could you please provide the data on discrimination, grouped under the following fields:
- a) Education and training;
 - b) Employment;
 - c) Health care and social services;
 - d) Housing;
 - e) Access to other services and goods.
11. Was the Equality Body involved in the preparation of the National Roma Strategies?
12. Does the National Roma Strategy entail targeted anti-discrimination measures? If yes, does the equality body have role to implement any kind of measure (please specify)
13. Does your office undertake any other activities targeting the Roma (e.g. strategic litigation, promoting advocacy monitoring, trainings, awareness raising, Romani staff and experts etc.)? If yes, please provide details.

We would appreciate it if the requested data could be provided using the attached table, which has been also sent by e-mail.

If you are unable to provide information in response to any or all of our requests, please inform us about the grounds for such refusal in written form; and, if possible, provide the addresses of other state bodies or officials to whom we may send the request.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to be in touch with

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Executive Director