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Re: Two new FRA reports on experiences of exclusion and discrimination of people with intellectual disabilities or mental health problems

Dear Director,

On 7 June 2012, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) will publish two new reports on the rights of people with disabilities. The reports capture the experiences of exclusion and discrimination of people with intellectual disabilities or mental health problems that still persist despite the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) by the EU and 21 Member States. The reports highlight the need to move from institutional to community-based living arrangements and to reformulate laws and policies to make them more inclusive.

Both FRA reports provide a basis for EU and Member States' discussions on how to protect and fulfil the rights of people with disabilities, and can be used to support them in fulfilling their obligations under the CRPD.

The reports will be presented at an international conference on "Autonomy and inclusion" in Copenhagen on 7-8 June 2012.

For your information, please find the following embargoed materials:

Please note: Embargo on Thursday 7 June 10:00 CET.

Reports:

- Choice and control: the right to independent living

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Should you have further questions or if the Agency can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

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