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FRA Annual report 2012, Highlights and Annual activity report 2012

Dear Director Nemitz,

It is our pleasure to present the Annual report and the Annual activity report of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) covering the year 2012.

The annual report 2012 provides in-depth evidence and analysis of fundamental rights developments in the EU, its Member States and Croatia. It looks at fundamental rights-related developments in asylum, immigration and integration; border control and visa policy; information society and data protection; the rights of the child and protection of children; equality and non-discrimination; racism and ethnic discrimination; participation of EU citizens in the Union's democratic functioning; access to efficient and independent justice; and rights of crime victims.

This year, the annual report also has a special focus on how European values are being tested and what must be done to safeguard fundamental rights in these times of crisis. It considers the impact on the rule of law, as well as what some Member States are doing to ensure trust in their justice systems.

The main report is accompanied by a Highlights report – a stand-alone summary – which throws light on key legal and policy developments in 2012.

The third document, entitled Annual Activity Report 2012, provides an account of the activities and achievements of the FRA during 2012.

All documents are accessible at: <http://fra.europa.eu/en/annual-report-2012> with the password: [REDACTED]

Please be informed that the reports will be publicly presented on 18 June 2013.

We hope that you will find the information, analysis and activities captured in these reports interesting and of use to you in your work. Should you require further information about the fundamental rights situation in the EU, or about the FRA and its activities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to continued fruitful cooperation with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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