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Subject: Letter [REDACTED]
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Dear Paul,
Dear [REDACTED],

We have received enclosed letter by the [REDACTED], in which [REDACTED] expresses concern about a recent ruling in Hungary against nine Roma, in which the court – according to this letter – considered racist motivation “against the Hungarian nation” as justification for penalty enhancement. This issue was widely covered in the media and criticised by civil society organisations.

As the letter requests to “assess (...) the underlying national legislation against the framework of Directive 2000/43/EG”, I have informed th [REDACTED] that we will pass on this information to the Commission for possible further consideration.

Without judging on the merits of this particular complaint, we do recognise the wider need to undertake field research in Hungary to get an accurate picture and reliable information about the effectiveness of state and non-state responses to phenomena of racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism. As you know, this research will feed into a situation report on this issue with information covering Hungary and Greece. We consider that this information will be useful in the context of a wider EU discussion on the framework decision on racism and xenophobia.

I will keep you informed about the on-going research.

Best regards,
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