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Dear Mitja,

Thank you for your response to our note of 23 April. It helps us to better understand the situation in Montenegro. Nevertheless, we have some further questions.

First, concerning the Children's Home Mladost-Bijela

- a) are there still new admissions ?
- b) "4 % were transferred to other institutions" – What does this mean? Can you give an absolute figure.
- c) What is the current progress as regards establishment of small group homes?

Secondly, concerning international adoptions. It is stated that 17 children were adopted internationally in 2011-2014.

- a) From where did these children come from? From Bijela only?
- b) What is the exact background of the children (disabled, Roma, etc.)?
- c) Did the parents consent to adoption?
- d) Was there no other possibility to care for these children in any suitable manner locally, considering COM's funding for alternative care in ME?

It should be reminded that our IPA funding should target modernisation of the ME social and child protection system so that as a result (**especially healthy**) **children do not need to leave the country but can stay there.**

With kind regards,



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