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Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
The Chair

To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Honourable Chairperson,

Roma inclusion and fighting anti-Gypsyism has been a long-term challenge for the European Union and the EU Member States. The EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies, adopted by the European Commission in April 2011 and subsequently endorsed by the European Council, marked a joint commitment to address such challenge more effectively and tangibly improve the situation by the end of the current decade. In its resolution of 25 October 2017 on “Fundamental rights aspects in Roma integration in the EU: fighting anti-Gypsyism”, the European Parliament called on the European Commission to put anti-Gypsyism at the forefront of the post-2020 EU Framework.

Against this background, and considering the importance of this issue, the LIBE Committee would like to **invite Members of national Parliaments to an inter-parliamentary committee meeting on "Fundamental rights aspects of Roma inclusion and fighting anti-Gypsyism"**. The meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 18 October 2018**, from **14.30 to 18.00**, in the European Parliament premises in Brussels.

The inter-parliamentary committee meeting aims to promote an exchange of views between European and national Parliamentarians on barriers to Roma inclusion and possibilities to overcome them.

The meeting envisages the participation of the Council of Europe, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), the United Nations Human Rights Office (OHCHR), as well as presentations from NGOs, bringing the global and the non-institutional perspective into the discussions (see draft programme enclosed).

I am therefore pleased to invite up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from each national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting.

Should you be unable to attend, I would welcome any written contribution, which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

Practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and I am looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 18 October 2018.

Yours sincerely,



Claude MORAES