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Sir,

The Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg, has received your communication and instructed me to reply on his behalf.

The Commissioner for Human Rights is an independent body of the Council of Europe entrusted with the task of promoting the effective observance and full enjoyment of human rights in Europe. To this end, the Commissioner addresses reports, recommendations and opinions to the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe as well as to the authorities of its 47 member States. However, his mandate does not allow the Commissioner to take up individual complaints.

This being said, the Commissioner is entitled to receive information from any authority, organisation or individual. The general information contained in your communication, including suggestion for legal reforms, was read with attention and may be used by the Commissioner in the exercise of his mandate.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of the Office