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Mr. Roberto Maroni
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Dear Sir,

Stop racist and discriminatory measures against the Roma community in Italy

ENAR-Cyprus is a network of NGO's working against racism and discrimination in Cyprus. ENAR-Cyprus condemns last week's attacks on Roma settlements in Italy, the arbitrary detentions and expulsions of Roma and the anti-Romani laws and measures adopted by your newly established Government.

Your resent public statements that all Roma camps will have to be dismantled and their inhabitants to be expelled or incarcerated, is an open incitement to your population for racially motivated violence against Roma, unacceptable in a democratic society that respects human rights and the rule of law, values upon which the EU is based.

The Roma minority as well as migrant communities are the most vulnerable to racism and discrimination in the EU and as such, it is the duty of your Government to take the necessary measures to protect them rather than inciting hatred against them with your speech. ENAR-Cyprus calls upon you and your Government to stop incitement to hatred against Roma and migrant communities, to respect and protect their human rights and to take all the necessary measures to ensure equality and their effective integration.

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