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Statements made by other stakeholders under review at the HRC under item 6 after the adoption of the UPR report

Country: Romania

Organisation: Romani CRISS

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"I am very grateful to the Romanian authorities for allowing us, once again, to expose their known achievements and i am all the more grateful since this is a good opportunity to learn some more about their endeavors to fulfill self-assumed obligations. In its statement at the consideration of the UPR report on Romania on June 6th 2013, the Romanian state, as a reaction to statements of the Centre for Legal Resources, endanger their health and deny their human dignity, the appropriate reaction is an insignificant administrative fine for discrimination. Local authorities then contest this fine and many times Romanian courts overturn the discrimination decisions in such cases, confirming the strong sense of legal impunity.

► told the international community, in essence, the following:

► in Romania, when local authorities relocate their most vulnerable citizens of Roma ethnicity next to waste collection sites, and into former chemical labs which in Romania, after the most vulnerable Roma are pushed into destitution, also as part of state run forced eviction actions and into areas which are health-wise unsafe, the appropriate reaction is to continue to leave them there, and then report before international human rights structures on ever intended projects for the Roma in such situations, projects which the Governmental National Agency for the Roma would be supporting. We cannot deduce from the statement of the Romanian delegation that the role of the Governmental National Agency for the Roma would be to prevent such evictions and relocations of the Roma to health hazardous areas to begin with, or to make sure that immediate and appropriate remedy is implemented once these have happened. R

► in Romania, in order to receive a fine for saying, from the position of Minister of Foreign Affairs, that "we have some physiological, natural problems of criminality" with the Romanian Roma communities in France, the high dignitary would have had to say it with the purpose to discriminate. Otherwise, only a recommendation would be appropriate. No wonder that we are so successful in combating discrimination in general in Romania, since we presume that,



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in order to be sanctioned, one must be aware of discrimination and its effects, and act upon the discriminatory views as a matter of intent and not as a matter of course."