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To the participants of the working seminar

Vienna, 28 May 2009

Subject: Working seminar on protecting freedom of movement / migration and human rights of Roma in Europa, Strasbourg 9 July 2009

Dear Participant,

On behalf of the Director of the Agency for Fundamental Rights, I am pleased to invite you to a working seminar on protecting freedom of movement / migration and human rights of Roma in Europe to be held at the Council of Europe on 9 July 2009.

This working seminar, organised by the Commissioner for Human Rights (CHR) of the Council of Europe and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), in collaboration with the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), is part of a joint action of FRA, CHR and the OSCE on Roma freedom of movement / migration. This joint action commenced in 2008 in response to human rights violations of Roma in the context of migration and freedom of movement.

The aim of this seminar is to provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas among experts in the field like you. This brainstorming seminar is being held in preparation for a conference on Roma freedom of movement and migration that will be held on 05-06 November 2009 in Vienna.

As you can see from the attached draft agenda, emphasis is being placed upon certain important civil and social rights of Roma crossing borders, such as access to justice, housing, employment, education and health care. Participants are being invited from intergovernmental organisations and NGOs expert on Roma issues. European organisations representing local and regional authorities will be also invited to the seminar.

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Furthermore, we would like to draw your attention to the enclosed **registration form**, which will provide us with information required for the organisation of the forthcoming working seminar and to arrange your accommodation. Would you please complete this form and forward it to Ms Geraldine FERDINAND (fax: 0032 2 732 71 11, e-mail: Geraldine.ferdinand@ecotec.com) **by 10 June 2009 at the very latest.**

Ms Ferdinand of ECOTEC will contact you as soon as she has received your registration form in order to confirm your travel and accommodation arrangements. Your flight/train ticket and accommodation at the venue will be at FRA's expense.

Should you require any information about the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me (phone: +43 1 58030 634, fax: +43 1 58030 693, email: Eva.Sobotka@fra.europa.eu) or Ingrid Haas (phone: +43 1 58030 632, fax: +43 1 58030 693, email: ingrid.haas@fra.europa.eu).

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to meeting you in Strasbourg.

Yours faithfully,

Eva Sobotka (signed)