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NOTE TO MICHAEL DAVENPORT, HEAD OF THE EU DELEGATION IN BELGRADE

Subject: IPA projects or deinstitutionalisation

Following recent concerns shared with the Commission services, I would like to ask you to take a close look and to strengthen the monitoring of the implementation of IPA-funded projects in the area of children's rights and social inclusion in Serbia.

It would be in particular important to have detailed information on the implementation of the IPA 2011 project "Enhancing the position of residents in residential care institutions for persons with mental disability and mental illness and creation of conditions for their social inclusion in the local community". This concerns in particular the part of the project related to children: number and name of the beneficiary institutions (address of the family or institution they have been placed in), number and details of the children, solutions offered to them, monitoring report on an individual basis on the situation of the children after benefiting from the project.

Specific attention should also be paid to the on-going project with UNICEF under IPA 2013 "Strengthening justice and social welfare systems to advance protection of children in Serbia". In particular the part of the projects supporting the down-scaling of two large-scale institutions in Serbia and activities to facilitate returns or placement in kinship and foster care should benefit from the same monitoring on an individual basis.

In addition, we would appreciate to receive detailed information on existing institutions and state of play of de-institutionalisation process and solutions offered to children de-institutionalised. This should include the number of institutions hosting children in Serbia, their localisation, number of children still in institutions, number of institutions down-scaled or closed, number of children and alternative solutions offered to them, as well as information and statistics on international adoption, number of children and country of destination.

I would like to thank you very much in advance for following this very sensitive issue closely and reporting back to me regularly on these two projects.

Yours sincerely,

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