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Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis on the proposal to fingerprint Roma in Italy

Strasbourg, 27.06.2008 - "The Italian Minister of Interior is reported to have proposed that all Roma, including children, living in camps in Italy should be fingerprinted. This proposal invites historical analogies which are so obvious that they do not even have to be spelled out. While I believe that Italian democracy and its institutions are mature enough to prevent any such ideas becoming laws, I am nevertheless concerned that a senior member of the government of one of Council of Europe member states is reported to have made such a proposal."

Déclaration du Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe, Terry Davis, sur la proposition de relever les empreintes digitales des Roms en Italie

Strasbourg, 27.06.2008 – « Le ministre italien de l'Intérieur aurait proposé de relever les empreintes digitales de tous les Roms, dont les enfants, qui vivent dans des camps en Italie. Cette proposition suscite des analogies historiques qui sont si manifestes qu'il est inutile de les préciser. Tout en considérant que la démocratie italienne et ses institutions ont acquis suffisamment de maturité pour empêcher que de telles idées deviennent des lois, je suis néanmoins inquiet d'apprendre qu'un membre éminent du gouvernement de l'un des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe aurait formulé une telle proposition ».

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