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Dear Wendy,

Re: Roma people

I am writing to declare my concern relating to the ongoing persecution of the Roma population of Europe, particularly following the death of a Roman man in the custody of Czech authorities recently.

As you will know the Roma population of Europe has been subject to discrimination and persecution for centuries. In recent months there have been a series of incidents demonstrating the ongoing nature of this persecution, culminating in this latest incident which has been compared to the tragic killing of George Floyd in the United States.

I urge you to condemn the incident in the Czech Republic, and I would be grateful for further information regarding steps being taken by your Department to condemn the ongoing persecution of the Roma people across Europe.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine West
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