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Open letter Deputy prime minister Ing. Bc. Vít Rakušan

We address you as Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic and also as Minister of the Interior. We are a founded Roma political party Roma Luma and we already operate in many regions of the Czech Republic.

We hereby request a personal meeting to discuss the possibility of resolving the current situation regarding the refugee crisis affecting the Ukrainian Roma and their integration. We would also like to discuss with you topics such as the integration of Czech Roma citizens.

As a political party, we can offer you an adequate and effective solution to the situation with the refugee crisis concerning the Ukrainian Roma. We also offer you a solution concerning the integration of Czech Roma citizens, as this topic is also very topical and important to address.

We must also point out the work of non-profit organizations, which is often very insufficient and nonprofit organizations are not able to provide these people with basic living conditions. Discrimination against Ukrainian Roma results in accommodation being very unsuitable and especially in inhumane conditions such as tents or the main railway station. Children are hungry because there is not enough food, they have no blankets and often nothing to sleep on. We visited these places several times and distributed blankets, food, cookers, etc. to these people. We are, but a political party and not a nonprofit organization. In our opinion, these basic things should be provided by non-profit organizations.

Minister, we know that you are cooperating with the non-profit sector, and we are by no means doing so we do not want to underestimate, but as a political party we do not like it and we are not indifferent that this sector has not been controlled by the state in any way for many years. Non-profit organizations have been working for Roma integration for many years, but they are failing. How is it possible, for example, that a client of such a non-profit organization cooperates with several organizations in one city and there is no result even after several years with such a client. And this is how we could give many more examples.

As representatives of Roma society, we would like to offer you an open debate and a solution to these issues, as we think it is time to start dealing effectively. Three decades is sufficient evidence for us, and perhaps for you too, of the authorities' inability to deal with this problem.

Mr Vice-President, we believe that our request for a personal meeting will be granted and that we will find a common solution and common language.

In Jihlava 10.05.2022

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Chairman of Roma Luma