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Subject: Invitation to participate in a Symposium organised by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in cooperation with the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU: 2007-2017: *Is Europe doing enough to protect Fundamental Rights? The perspective of children*

Dear Invitee,

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights has the honour to invite you to a high-level Symposium to discuss the state of fundamental rights in the EU today. The Agency's *Fundamental Rights Report: Challenges and achievements in 2017* will form the background for this discussion.

Drawing on the Fundamental Rights Agency's 10 years of experience, the event will explore with participants how European and national human rights actors can improve the protection and promotion of fundamental rights. There will be a particular focus on the situation of the rights of children.

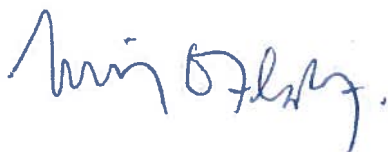
The Symposium will be attended by over 300 stakeholders, including Members of the European Parliament, the European Commission, national governments and parliaments, national human rights institutions and other human rights actors across the EU, as well as children.

The Symposium is organised in cooperation with the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU. We are honoured that Her Excellency the President of Malta will deliver a keynote address.

The Symposium will take place at the Press room of the Council of the European Union, Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 Brussels, from 9am to 2pm on 28 June.

We hope you will be able to accept this invitation, and look forward to seeing you at the Symposium.

Yours sincerely,



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