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**Subject: Welcome to the Fundamental Rights Platform**

Dear Ms Harrold-Claesson,

It is my great pleasure to welcome your organisation to the Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) – the main channel for cooperation and information exchange between the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and civil society.

The Fundamental Rights Agency recognises and values the important role that civil society organisations are playing across the EU. Extensive knowledge and experience based on your direct contact with people who need human rights protection the most, is of great value to our work. Joining the FRP allows civil society organisations to participate more directly in the discussions surrounding FRA's thematic work. Moreover, annual meetings, conferences and thematic seminars create a unique forum for cross-cutting discussions and good practice exchange.

The FRA aims to provide evidence-based advice to European Union institutions and Member States. Therefore, we seek to engage civil society actors as key partners in the Agency's work. Over 400 of NGOs, social partners, associations, academic institutions and other organisations from across the EU have been actively working together with the FRA to help make fundamental rights a reality for more people in Europe.

As an applicant for participation in the FRP you have been requested to agree with the Code of Conduct that you find attached. As a FRP participant you will be regularly informed about the Agency's projects, consulted about the FRA's Annual Working Programme, Annual Reports as well as other project-related consultations and receive advance copies of our reports and studies.

Thank you for your interest in joining the FRP. We look forward to what will be undoubtedly a fruitful and rewarding partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Michael O'Flaherty  
Director

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