

European Committee Human Rights Hungarians Central Europe.

Európai Bizottság Magyar Emberi Jogok Közép Európa.



Dear Mr. Sorin Apostu,

Amsterdam 5-11-2009

Regarding: Discriminative road Signs in Cluj-Napoca.

During recent visits to Cluj-Napoca, by its autonomous people also known as Kolozsvár, we discovered that at least two very discriminative road signs ⁽¹⁾, placed by your predecessor Mr. Funar are still not removed. Another even more discriminating sign ⁽²⁾, which states that Romanian is the only official language, has been removed however.

According to our knowledge these signs have been placed, with the sole intention of causing mental harm to members of the ethnic Hungarian community of Cluj-Napoca.

Today a visitor is still welcomed in to your city in seven languages, without using the language of the autonomous ethnic minority of Cluj-Napoca, the Hungarian language. This minority even used to be the majority in Cluj-Napoca, before the Ceauşescu led ethnic cleansing took place.

The presence of these signs is a very clear act of discrimination and a severe violation of the European values and laws on multiculturalism and human rights.

According to our knowledge two of these signs are still present at the entrance of Cluj-Napoca, coming from Floreşti (Szászfenes) or Turda (Torda).

Therefore we kindly urge you to remove these shameful signs immediately.

Yours sincerely.

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Sign 1.

Welcoming in seven languages except for Hungarian.

Placed by the former major of Cluj-Napoca Funar to invoke mental harm on the second largest autonomous ethnic group in Cluj-Napoca.

At this moment two of these signs can be found at the entrance of Cluj-Napoca (Kolozsvár)



Sign 2.

Sign stating that Romanian is the official Language.

Placed by the former major of Cluj-Napoca Funar to invoke mental harm on the second largest autonomous ethnic group in Cluj-Napoca.

At this moment this sign has been removed.



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