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To:

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
European Court of Human Rights (ECHR)
Amnesty International
European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is [Your Name], and I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent legislative changes in Estonia that mandate the transition to Estonian-language education in all schools and kindergartens, including those that previously operated in Russian or bilingually. I believe these measures may infringe upon the rights of national minorities to receive education in their native language, as guaranteed by international law.

Legal Basis

These legislative changes appear to contradict Estonia's obligations under international human rights instruments, such as the European Convention on Human Rights and the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities. Specifically, I am concerned that the mandatory transition to Estonian-language education violates the rights of minority groups to receive education in their native language, a right protected by these conventions.

Social and Cultural Impact

Furthermore, these changes could lead to significant social and cultural repercussions for the Russian-speaking community in Estonia. The Russian language and culture are integral to the identity of many Estonian citizens, and the imposition of Estonian-only education threatens to erode this identity, potentially exacerbating social tensions and deepening divisions within society.

Request

In light of these concerns, I respectfully urge your organizations to review the compatibility of these legislative changes with international human rights standards. I also request that you consider engaging with the Estonian government to ensure that the rights of national minorities are adequately protected in accordance with international obligations.

I trust that your organizations will take these concerns seriously and act accordingly to safeguard the rights of all individuals in Estonia.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,
[Your Name]