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**QUESTIONNAIRE ON ELIMINATION OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LEPROSY AFFECTED
PERSONS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS**

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The Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) – Denmark’s national human rights institution is a national human right institution in accordance with the UN Paris Principles and a National Equality Body in accordance with EU equal treatment directives.

Firstly, we can inform you, that it is very rare that we see cases of leprosy in Denmark.

To obtain information on leprosy in Denmark, DIHR has contacted Statens Serums Institut (SSI)¹. Chief surgeon and Ph.D Thyra Grove Krause from SSI has informed DIHR that in the period from 1980 to 2015 there has been found 16 cases of leprosy in Denmark. SSI also informed DIHR, that these cases have typically been found among people who have entered Denmark from other countries.

Because of the very rare cases of leprosy, there is no relevant information to provide in the questionnaire.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ SSI is a public institute under the Ministry of Health whose purpose is to prevent and control infectious diseases, congenital disorders and biological threats.