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*The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Estonia to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to forward the reply of the Government of Estonia to the questionnaire of the Human Rights Advisory Committee on the elimination of discrimination against leprosy affected persons and their family members, pursuant to the Human Rights Council resolution 29/15.*

*The Permanent Mission of Estonia in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.*

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## **Questionnaire: Elimination of Discrimination against Leprosy Affected Persons and their family members**

### **Response of Estonia**

- Leprosy is an extremely rare disease in Estonia. There have been no identified leprosy cases during the last decade, including neither imported nor indigenous cases.
- We are aware of the existence of the Principles and guidelines for the elimination of discrimination against leprosy affected persons and their family members. However, mostly due to the leprosy epidemiological situation there has not existed practical necessity for particular actions towards elimination of discrimination against leprosy affected persons and their family members.
- There are also no exceptions in terms of constitutional and human rights for leprosy affected persons and their family members. They can enjoy all rights fully and equally with other persons in Estonia.