In France, thousands of children are denied the right to education. Some mayors refuse to enrol children in school arguing that they do not have adequate documents, such as identity papers for both parents and children or proof of their place of residence. There is no official document setting out an exhaustive list of supporting documents for school enrollment.

The NHRI organised a forum with a collective of associations in September 2018, adopted a declaration reiterating its concerns on the occasion of World Children's Day in 2018, and organised an informal meeting with journalists in September 2019. Secretariat members had meetings with the Ministry of Education to discuss the main NHRI recommendations.

The Law on the School of Trust, adopted on 26 July 2019, includes an article requiring the publication of a decree setting out the list of supporting documents that mayors must accept in order to enrol children in school. The NHRI is currently working with the Ministry to finalise the decree.

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