Dear Mayor,

I am writing to you to express my concern for more than 40 Roma families, who are planned to be evicted from their rented houses by the local authorities. Only 14 families have received alternative housing contracts, which do not meet international standards on adequate housing. No housing arrangements have been provided to the remaining families.

I sincerely urge you to ensure that any eviction is carried out as a last resort, once all feasible alternatives to eviction have been explored.

In addition, I ask you to ensure that nobody is rendered homeless as a result of eviction, and any alternative housing provided complies with international standards for adequate housing, particularly adequate space, affordability, location and access to essential services

Finally, I sincerely request you to engage in genuine consultation with the affected Roma families to develop long-term housing alternatives that respect international standards for adequate housing.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,