

I am writing this letter to express my deep concern for 600 families faced eviction. They are under threat of imminent eviction from their homes in Santo Domingo Province, Dominican Republic. The notice period provided by state authorities to leave the land they have been occupying for more than 20 years has expired. Due process has not been respected.

So I urge you to immediately halt the eviction and ensure that evictions are only carried out once all international legal and procedural safeguards including genuine consultation, adequate notice, serious consideration of all feasible alternatives, including alternative land and housing and access to legal remedies, are in place.

I also urge you to ensure that no one is left homeless and vulnerable to other violations of their human rights as a result of actions undertaken by the authorities.

Lastly I urge you that unless these conditions are met, an eviction will violate the human rights of affected individuals and amount to a breach of the Dominican Republic's international human rights commitments.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,