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Good Afternoon Special Rapporteur Farha,

Thank you for all the work you are doing on behalf of homeless people around the world. The scope of your guidelines is impressive, and reflects a human rights framework. My only comment is in regards to the phrase "pavement dwellers" (Guideline 6 paragraph 29).

I am concerned that this phrasing dehumanizes people experiencing street homelessness and would therefore be inconsistent with the overall message of housing as a human right, and the inherent dignity of all people regardless of housing status. I would recommend changing this phrase to one that expresses dignity and personhood while highlighting the issues of people on the streets. For example: people sleeping rough, people living on streets, or people experiencing street homelessness.

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