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**Ms. Leilani Farha**

UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing

We write to you from two Spanish NGOs, "HOGAR Sí" and "Provivienda" because we would like to congratulate you for your document titled "Guidelines for the implementation of the right to adequate housing". We consider that this document makes a great review regarding the state of play and it also proposes proper solutions to guarantee the right to adequate housing.

We work with vulnerable people in the field of housing from different perspectives: HOGAR Sí works specifically with Homeless people while Provivienda has a broader focus. We would like to emphasize about one issue reflected in your document: the enormous importance of having official statistics related to housing and homelessness, in fact, in Spain we have a significant information deficit. Official data about homeless people date from 2012 and are not expected new data until 2021. Same happens with the official population and housing census, it's published each ten years and we will not have new data until 2024.

On the other hand, we consider as a key element the existence of international spaces of dialogue that can bring together governments, academic institutions, local administrations, NGOs and other social movements. One of the proposes of these spaces should be monitoring and evaluate public policies, also the interchange of knowledge and the cooperation on the implementation of successfully policies (one example are the Housing First policies mentioned in your document).

We would like to underline the importance of guaranteeing the existence of an affordable public housing stock, through sufficiently funded public policies. This can be the umbrella to protect broad sector of the population from the risk to be excluded from the right to adequate housing.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to a meeting, in case you visit Spain, in which we can has a more extensive exchange of views and also we can present to you some experiences on the field of guaranteeing the right to adequate housing and also our specific work with homelessness.

Kind Regards,



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