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Re. Guidelines for the implementation of the right to adequate housing

The International Union of Tenants (IUT) welcomes the opportunity to comment on this important work and consultation by the UN Special Rapporteur for affordable housing. We thank you and your team for putting the basic human right of a safe and affordable home in focus throughout the world. We now feel it is time for member states to go from words to action in ensuring implementation.

The International Union of Tenants (IUT) is a non-governmental, not-for-profit membership umbrella organization for global tenants' organisations. It was founded in 1926 in Zürich, Switzerland. Since 1956 its head office has been in Stockholm, Sweden with an EU liaison office in Brussels since 2008. The organisation consists of 72 national and regional tenant organisations in 47 countries and is financed through membership fees.

IUTs purpose is to:

- promote the exchange of information and knowledge among its members,
- safeguard the interests of tenants and to promote affordable and decent rental housing across the world. IUT is a non-party political organisation, working along democratic lines.

IUT considers housing to be a fundamental human right in every society. Affordable and sound housing is one of the safeguards for peace and security, and a fundamental pillar in all societies. Lack of affordable housing and homelessness are major ingredients in social exclusion.

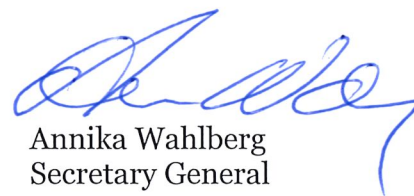
Our response is set out in the appendix to this letter and some suggestions for improved housing policies on national levels are set out in the booklet linked here

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