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PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF TENANTS, THEME FOR INTERNATIONAL TENANTS' DAY 2021: COVID RECOVERY, AND EVERYBODY'S RIGHT TO SAFE HOUSING

International Union of Tenants, IUT has chosen the theme: "Covid recovery, climate, and construction" for the International Tenants' Day 2021. The theme reflects our hope for covid-19 pandemic recovery, a renewed emphasis, and solutions for the climate crisis together with the construction of affordable housing for all.

For more than a year the COVID-19 pandemic has caused massive human and economic harm on a global scale. The pandemic continues to change our ways of living, and the recovery will require immense investments, financially and on a human level. The housing sector as a result is subject to the same challenges as before the pandemic – just even deeper and more severe. Tenants, as a vulnerable group on the housing market, are facing evictions and rent arrears.

About IUT: The International Union of Tenants (IUT) was founded in 1926 and is a non-governmental and not-for-profit umbrella membership organisation with the purpose of safeguarding tenants' interests and promoting affordable and decent rental housing across the world. Its members consist of 74 national and local tenants' associations in 51 countries. IUT head office is located in Stockholm with an EU representation office in Brussels. IUT considers housing as one of the fundamental rights, which needs to be addressed locally, nationally and internationally. Adequate housing is also one of the safeguards for peace and security.

International Tenants Day originated in 1986 when the French tenant organisation CNL proposed a special world day for tenants. The board of the IUT agreed and decided on 22nd May, 1986, to designate the first Monday in October as the International Tenants' Day. The IUT announces a theme each year but tenant organisations are of course free to choose their own topic/theme for this day.

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