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IUT Reaction to the HOUS Committee Vote on the European Parliament Report on the Housing Crisis (2025/2070(INI))

The International Union of Tenants (IUT) takes note of today's vote in the European Parliament's HOUS Committee on the draft report "Housing crisis in the European Union with the aim of proposing solutions for decent, sustainable and affordable housing" (2025/2070(INI)). Which has been adopted during the plenary with 367 votes in favour, 166 against and 84 abstentions.

Marie Linder, President of the International Union of Tenants (IUT), stated:

"The adopted text falls short of what is needed to address the scale and urgency of Europe's housing crisis. At a time when millions of tenants face rising rents, insecurity and displacement, the European Parliament has failed to deliver a strong and adequate response. We will continue our work both at national and EU level to ensure stronger tenants' rights and rental housing affordability".

The IUT acknowledges the improvements made with respect to the original draft, in particular the inclusion of paragraph 29 on tenants' rights and tenants' unions:

"Encourages property owners to offer long-term and stable rental contracts, in order to enhance security of tenure and provide greater predictability for tenants; encourages the Member States to increase transparency in the private rental sector, based on the advertised prices, with the aim of improving housing conditions for tenants, and to strengthen national legislation in this regard; calls on the Member States to strengthen the protection of tenants' rights, including by encouraging online rental platforms to provide information on average rent levels in the area, in order to ensure fair conditions and prevent disproportionate rent increases; calls on the Commission and the Member States to strengthen their commitment to ensuring equality and non-discrimination in the housing sector; (...) supports the role of tenants' unions and housing civil society actors as stakeholders in housing policy;"

However, IUT regrets the absence of binding commitments on security of tenure, tenants' protection, recognition of tenants' associations as unions, and concrete measures to address speculation and the financialization of housing. The outcome reflects a failure to prioritise housing as a fundamental right and the lack of ambition required to tackle the root causes of the crisis.

IUT will continue engaging with EU institutions to ensure that tenants' rights, long-term affordability and social safeguards remain central in future EU housing policy and legislation.
