Mayor Vasil Terziev

Sofia Municipality

33 Moskovska Street, 1000

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Dear Mayor Vasil Terziev,

I am writing to urgently call for immediate action regarding the ongoing dire situation affecting Roma families in Zaharna Fabrika, Sofia. Beginning on 15 April 2025, dozens of homes were demolished, leaving almost 200 Roma people - including children, elderly individuals, and pregnant people – homeless. Most families were left without shelter or access to essential services like water, electricity, healthcare, and education. Since the demolitions, only a few families have been provided with alternative housing by the authorities. The majority remain in extremely precarious conditions, sleeping in tents or relying on makeshift shelters. The demolitions occurred without adequate due process, prior notice, or genuine consultation to explore alternative solutions.

I call on you to take immediate action to stop any further forced evictions. I also earnestly request you to ensure that all affected families are provided with alternative adequate housing, along with access to essential services such as medical care, social support and education.

I thank you for paying attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,