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Excellency,

I write to inform you that in the course of its 79th session, the Committee further considered the situation of Roma people in Plavecky Stvrtok, under its early warning and urgent action procedure. The Committee would like to refer to its letters dated 27 August 2010 and 11 March 2011 (copies attached for ease of reference). The Committee thanks the State party for responses provided in the Permanent Mission's note verbale dated 8 August 2011.

While noting the responses provided, the Committee would like to request the State party to provide additional detailed information on concrete and effective measures in place to deal with the reportedly pervasive discrimination against Roma in Slovakia and about the promised consultations with the affected Roma families in order to ensure alternative means of accommodation. The Committee would also like to be informed on measures taken and progress made to ensure allocation of flats to Roma families, including those currently residing in this area, in the low standard rental flats in construction in Plavecky Stvrtok. The Committee would further like to receive information on progress made by this municipality in implementing different programs indicated in the responses of the State party; and how these programs will benefit Roma communities.

In accordance with article 9 (1) of the Convention and article 65 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee would be grateful to receive information on all of the issues and concerns as outlined above, before **31 January 2012**.

Allow me, Excellency, to express the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of Slovakia, with a view to provide it with assistance in the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,


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