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Excellency,

I write to inform you that in the course of its 78th 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 letter dated 27 August 2010 (copy attached for ease of reference). The Committee thanks the State party for responses provided in the Permanent Mission's note verbale dated 31 January 2011.

While noting the responses provided, the Committee would like to request the State Party to provide information on the current situation of Roma from Plavecky Stvrtok, and indicate measures taken to effectively conduct consultations with Roma communities in all cases where evictions are planned and to ensure that adequate alternative accommodation is offered. The Committee also would like to receive information on the number of families evicted and whether alternative solutions or redress have been provided to those whose homes had been destroyed. In light of the information provided by the State party that some evictions were stopped by the court, the Committee would like to be informed what process has been put in place in order to guarantee the rights of the families concerned in the continuing eviction procedures. The Committee further requests information on measures taken to firmly address acts of discrimination against Roma in Plavecky Stvrtok, which have allegedly increased in light of the present conflict.

In accordance with article 9(1) of the Convention and article 65 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee would be grateful to urgently receive information on all of the issues and concerns outlined above, before 31 July 2011.

Allow me, Excellency, to reiterate 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anwar Kemal".

Anwar Kemal

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