

ITALY

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights

**ITALY'S REPLY TO COMMUNICATION
BY UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON ADEQUATE HOUSING AS A
COMPONENT OF THE RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE STANDARD OF
LIVING, AND ON THE RIGHT TO DISCRIMINATION IN THIS CONTEXT**

March 11, 2019

ITALY'S REPLY

*To the attention of Ms. Balbin
registry@ohchr.org*

Following communication by UN Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, we are in a position to provide the following information:

Introduction

As for safeguards, please kindly refer to information contained in the Common Core Document of Italy.

Turning to the specific case under reference

With regard to the situation of the family concerned (consisting of Mrs. A.M, her 5 children, and her partner), the Prefecture of Padua reports that the First Section - Real Estate Enforcement Measures of the Court of Padua issued in March 2017, at the request of "DoBank" Bank (which has taken over the credit from UNICREDIT Bank), an order of eviction.

Following the aforementioned measure, the local social services, as well as the local family centre to the Municipality of Cittadella reported the difficulty of this family to find autonomously another housing solution due to the lack of a job, on a stable and continuous basis, for both the above adults.

In the absence of an alternative housing solution, the various attempts to evict the household have always failed.

To date, no eviction has taken place. However, last January 24th, 2019, the house under reference was sold by the judicial custodian.

From a factual and operational standpoint, it should be noted that last September 2018, nor the Carabinieri of S.Martino di Lupari Station (PD), nor other Carabinieri Corps servicemen proceeded to the eviction under reference.

More generally, Carabinieri Corps does not promote or plan evictions but, at the request of the public judicial officer, may assist, in coordination with the local Police headquarters, the above officer, during eviction operations, for the aspects concerning public order - only and exclusively as a result of a judicial verdict.

As known, the procedure for the execution of eviction for arrears of residential buildings, following Judicial Authority's decision, envisages a series of precautions in the presence of proven situations of difficulty (presence of children and, more generally, situations of social fragility). These precautions are guaranteed through the adoption of all the necessary measures to ensure alternative housing solutions.

Italian Authorities take this opportunity to reiterate their firm willingness to cooperate with UN Special Procedures and all other relevant mechanisms.