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The Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to transmit herewith Italy's remarks following the Joint Communication JOL ITA 5/2023 dated 23 October 2023, sent by the 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 and the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurance of its highest consideration.

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**ITALY'S REMARKS**  
**FOLLOWING JOINT COMMUNICATION FROM**  
**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; AND THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON**  
**EXTREME POVERTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**  
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## **ITALY'S REMARKS**

Further to UN Special Rapporteurs' joint communication (AL ITA 5/2023), dated October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, the Government of Italy is in a position to provide the following information.

### **Turning to the specific issues**

The housing-related problem is a strongly present issue in Italian social and political debate due to the emergence of new and more widespread forms of hardship. The housing situation so far has been addressed through policies of a welfare nature, building new houses and instituting public calls for applications whose participation is reserved for the so-called "weaker groups" to obtain access to housing.

Given a complex situation, in order to cope with the housing emergency, the Ministero delle Infrastrutture e dei Trasporti - MIT (Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport) has always been engaged in the activation, in collaboration with local authorities, of Programs aimed at the recovery and construction of public housing to be allocated to citizens who meet the requirements for access to housing, included in rankings managed by the aforementioned local authorities.

In support of families with economic difficulties for the payment of rents, Rental Support Funds have been activated (National Rental Support Fund under Law No. 431/98 and Tenants in Delinquent Housing Fund under Law No. 124 of 28.10.2013) whose resources have been annually apportioned and transferred from MIT to the Regions. On both Funds, MIT has made a request for refinancing for the 2023-2025 annuities.

### **CONCLUSION**

We take this opportunity to reiterate our firm willingness to continue cooperating fully with all UN Special Procedures.

Once additional information is made available, we will promptly share it.

