

STOP FORCED EVICTIONS IN GHANA

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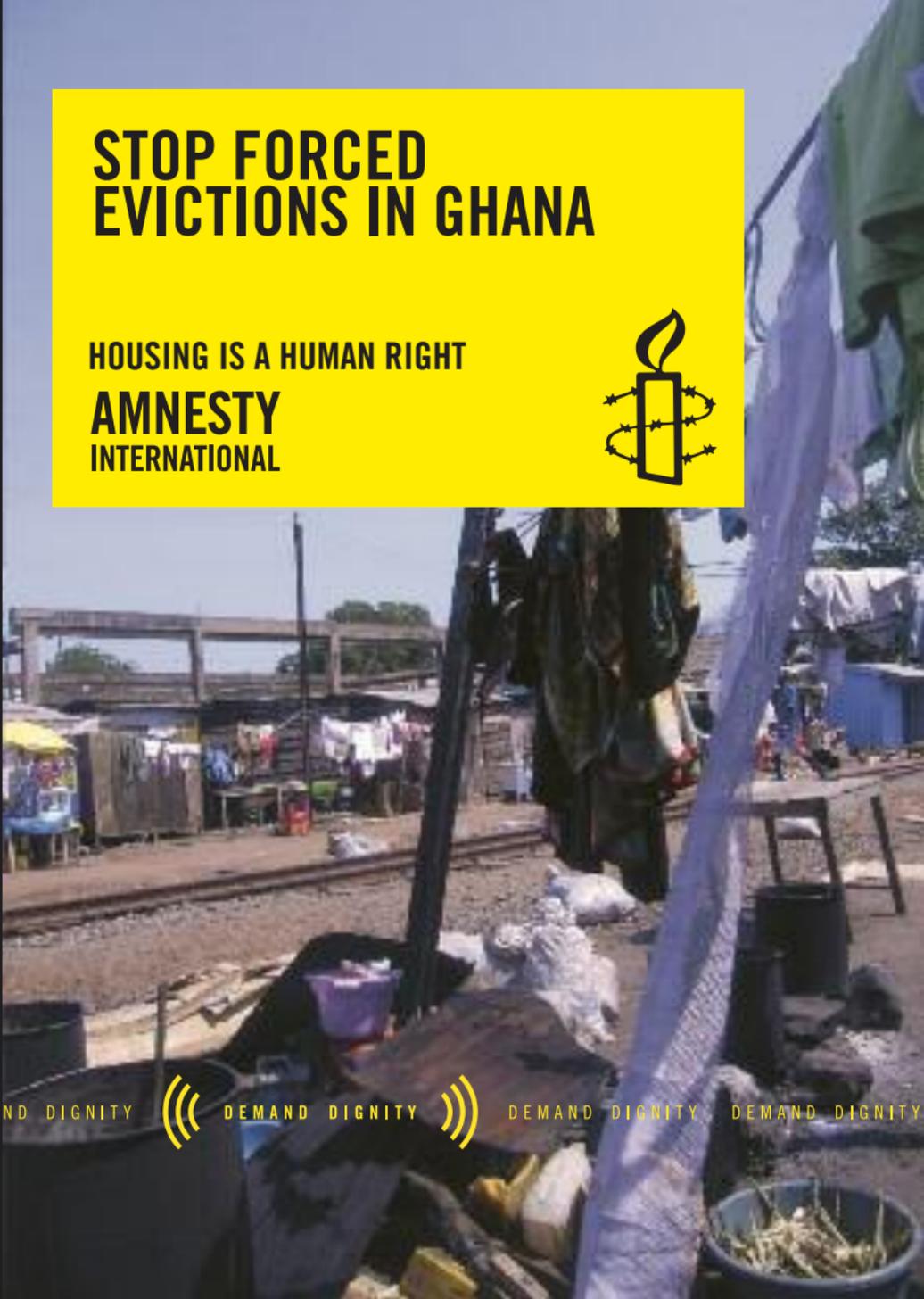


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Dear Chairman,

Thousands of people who live and trade beside the railway lines in Accra are at risk of forced eviction to make way for the redevelopment of the country's railway infrastructure.

Forced evictions are a violation of human rights. Under international law, evictions must only be carried out as a last resort, after all feasible alternatives have been explored, and only once safeguards are in place. These include genuine consultation with those affected, reasonable notice, adequate alternative housing and compensation and access to legal remedies. Everyone is entitled to this protection, whether or not they own their home and land.

I respectfully urge you to halt the planned demolition of structures along the railway lines in Accra until all necessary safeguards are in place, including genuine consultation and a resettlement plan to provide adequate alternative housing.

Yours sincerely,

Name: _____

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Chairman of the Railway Development

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Ministry of Transport

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