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Your Excellency,

Nearly 100 per cent of the Slovenian population have access to sufficient, safe drinking water but many Roma communities struggle to collect even small amounts of water for drinking, washing and cooking. Many Roma live in overcrowded, isolated informal settlements where they are denied access to public services such as water, sanitation and electricity because they lack security of tenure. They have no option but to live in such grossly inadequate conditions, because they face widespread discrimination when trying to access alternative housing options.

I urge you to:

- Ensure immediate provision of a sufficient amount of safe water for personal and domestic use, and a basic level of sanitation in all informal settlements.
- Ensure security of tenure to all residents of informal settlements, including through the regularization of settlements wherever possible, and offer alternative housing options, in consultation with the affected Roma communities, which do not lead to further segregation.
- Address the discrimination that the Roma face in access to housing and provide effective remedies for all victims of human rights violations.

Yours sincerely,

Name: 
Country: 

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Your Excellency,

Sa'id Metinpour, a member of the Iranian Azerbaijani minority, is serving an eight-year prison sentence for peacefully campaigning for greater cultural and language rights for his community. He is a prisoner of conscience and should be released immediately and unconditionally.

Sa'id Metinpour was arrested on 25 May 2007 in Zanjan, around the anniversary of mass demonstrations by Iranian Azerbajians against a cartoon in a state-run newspaper, which they considered offensive. Hundreds were arrested and almost 29 killed during the 2006 demonstration. Sa'id Metinpour was reportedly tortured during interrogation. He was also detained for 10 days in February 2007 for peacefully demonstrating on International Mother Tongue Day.

I also urge you to ensure that the Iranian public education system makes adequate provision for children of minority communities to learn their own language in school, and that minority communities are permitted to establish private schools to educate their children in their own language.

Yours sincerely,

Name: 
Address: 

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I appeal to you to ensure that pregnant women at Hopley settlement have access to maternal and newborn health care services. The rest of the women and their newborn babies cannot go to hospitals because they lack security of tenure.

I urge you to:

- Investigate newborn deaths at Hopley and other Operation Garikai settlements;
- Ensure immediate access to maternal and newborn health care services;
- Eliminate costs as a barrier to essential health services, including emergency obstetric care.

Yours sincerely,

Name: 
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