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Large-scale evictions and the demolition of thousands of homes continue to devastate lives in Nigeria. Legal and procedural safeguards are being ignored.

Since 2000, millions of people have seen their homes demolished, without the opportunity for genuine prior consultation, without adequate notice, and without access to legal remedies. The authorities have failed to provide adequate compensation or adequate alternative housing.

Nigeria's Constitution directs the state to ensure that suitable and adequate shelter is provided for all citizens. However, as with other provisions on social and economic rights, this falls within the Constitution's "directive principles" and is not guaranteed as a human right. As a result, thousands of people in informal settlements across the country remain at risk of forced eviction, which is not prohibited under Nigerian law.

Nigeria is a state party to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other international and regional human rights treaties which require states to realize the right to adequate housing, and to prevent and refrain from carrying out forced evictions.

Image: A resident of Badia East settlement, Lagos state, following a forced eviction on 23 February 2013.
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Your Excellency,

I am very concerned about the millions of people in Nigeria who have lost their homes and livelihoods as a result of large-scale evictions.

Since 2000, people in various states have been forcibly evicted from their homes without any legal and procedural safeguards, in violation of their rights. In the majority of cases documented by Amnesty International, people have not received adequate compensation.

I therefore urge you to adopt a moratorium on mass evictions until legislation is enacted to explicitly prohibit forced evictions and ensure that evictions are only carried out in compliance with international human rights standards.

I also encourage your government to ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Yours sincerely,

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Image: Houses in Abonema Wharf, Port Harcourt, were demolished from 27 June to 2 July 2012. © Amnesty International
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