



## ITALY'S 'NOMAD PLAN' VIOLATES THE HOUSING RIGHTS OF ROMA

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Thousands of Romani people living in Rome face the threat of multiple human rights violations as the result of a new plan to close down many of the Roma camps in the city. The “Nomad Plan” paves the way for the forced eviction of thousands of Roma and for most (but not all) of them to be resettled in new or expanded camps on the outskirts of Rome.

There has been almost no consultation with Roma who are affected by the plan. Those who are entitled to be resettled will only be offered accommodation in other camps and not in the ordinary housing that many Roma aspire to live in. Many are worried that their employment prospects and their children’s schooling will suffer as a result of their relocation. Others will be provided with no alternative accommodation at all: some will leave Rome, others will find shelter as best they can, where they can – until they are moved on again.

## TAKE ACTION NOW

**PLEASE SIGN AND SEND THIS POSTCARD TO THE  
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*Image: Romanian Roma in Via Centocelle camp in Rome, September 2009.*

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**Dear Extraordinary Commissioner,**

I am writing to you to express my deep concern that if the Nomad Plan is implemented, it will result in Roma experiencing a wide range of human rights violations. The plan contains several discriminatory provisions and is poorly conceived. It will neither resolve the social problems that prompted it, nor increase the enjoyment of the right to housing by most of the Roma affected.

I therefore urge you to postpone implementation of the Nomad Plan and revise it on the basis of proper consultation with those who are affected by it, ensuring that the revised plan respects the right to adequate housing.

I also urge you to ensure that evictions are carried out only as last resort and in full compliance with the guarantees required under regional and international human rights standards.

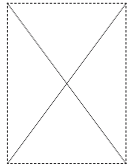
Yours sincerely,

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Extraordinary Commissioner for  
the Nomad Emergency in Rome**

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*Image: Saltana Ahmetovich (Nino) and family in  
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