

His Excellency Goodluck Jonathan
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Your Excellency,

I am concerned that more than 200,000 people in the Port Harcourt's waterfront communities are at risk of forced evictions.

In particular I am concerned with the possibility of the authorities to continue with the planned demolitions without first implementing adequate human rights safeguards, such as consulting the residents and provide them compensation, alternative accommodation or legal remedies, as required by international human rights standards.

Therefore, I would like to appeal to your Excellency to adopt and implement a national housing policy that will ensure adequate provision of housing to Nigerians and, until then, to declare a moratorium on evictions of communities in Nigeria. These measures are needed to solve the situation of thousands of people who are at risk of becoming homeless.

Yours sincerely