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**Item 3 – Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a  
component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-  
discrimination in this context.**

**Resettlement after evictions and displacement: addressing a human rights crisis**

**Statement by Silvia Vandi, First Secretary**

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Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,

Our Delegation shares the Special Rapporteur's view on the importance of addressing the human rights issue with regard to the resettlement of displaced populations following evictions. In its worldwide humanitarian activities, the Sovereign Order of Malta is daily confronted with the need to protect the lives of refugees and displaced persons after eviction in crisis situations.

By adopting a holistic approach that considers the diverse needs and circumstances of displaced populations, it is possible to promote successful resettlement and facilitate the recovery and rebuilding process. This implies addressing, in a comprehensive manner, various aspects such as needs assessment, stakeholder engagement, access to basic services, legal protection, infrastructure development, livelihood supports and programs, psychosocial support, monitoring and evaluation. A vital element in the implementation of durable solutions is the promotion of social cohesion and integration between displaced populations and host communities.

In situations of conflict such as the ongoing war in Ukraine, the Order of Malta aims to provide shelter and adequate housing options to those who have been forcibly displaced and whose homes have been destroyed. In these circumstances it is crucial to ensure distribution of adequate relief items (e.g., generators, warm clothing, power banks, flashlights, thermoses), establishment and management of shelters, winterization of homes of particularly needy people near the front line, provision of equipment and energy sources for social institutions, families and communities.

The Order of Malta is ready to support the development of a set of principles and guidelines on resettlement to be presented to the Human Rights Council for its consideration.

I thank you.