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Statement by the

International Roma Youth Network/Roma Active Albania

Excellencies,

I am very honored to have the chance to speak in front of you about the biggest minority in Europe. Roma even they are the biggest minority in Europe, they still face a lot problems, one of them is housing. Regarding Housing we want to point out to all participant states to stop Eviction. Evictions have long-term, deeply negative implications on the life situation of those people and violate their human rights and also provoke serious social conflict.

TernYpe and its member recommend to member states to make it by law to stop Evictions if not accompanied by the necessary safeguards. According to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, all evictions must abide by international human rights norms. In particular, forced evictions must meet the conditions set out in General Comment No.7 of the UN Committee of Economic and Social Rights on the right to adequate housing based on the principles of international law.

Roma live in poor housing conditions, often lacking sanitary installations, located in remote areas and without nearby infrastructure. A lot of Roma households have no access to running water at their homes or outside the place where they live.

In addition, Roma families frequently reside in substandard housing and suffer tenancy insecurity.

People who cannot afford housing at market conditions are eligible for social housing but Roma often cannot apply because they lack sufficient income and/or a verifiable source of income to

qualify. This also disqualifies them from low interest loans for upgrading their existing dwellings.

We recommend participant states to support those Roma families who face challenges regarding documentation to benefit from the programmes on housing .

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On behalf of “ternYpe” we appeal to politicians and policy makers to put the youth issue on the agenda, to include young people in the decision-making processes, and to strengthen the voice of Roma youth.

TernYpe and its members encourages OSCE countries to fight against discrimination and to support Roma participation and representation in the political sphere. Politicians in EU , National and Local Level need to be more open to include Roma and Young Roma in their Political parties because I can ensure you they will be a valuable asset and will give a lot of contribution in your political party and also in the country .

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Antigypsyism is on the rise every year. Through social media monitoring that we have done, we have seen extreme speeches, from politicians, public figures etc. We have seen a lot of hate speech online and also fake news. Hate words leads people to hate crimes and violence. There is missing promotion of Roma models on social media and in media in general. Very often Roma are perceived as dirty, uneducated, thieves etc, because there is a lack of promotion of Role models. We have seen from history what prejudice and hate can cause, let me mention you here the Roma Genocide during World War II where more than 500.000 Roma were killed and still there is no yet by member states of OSCE, Remembrance and Recognition of the Roma Holocaust and Recognition of 2 August. We have to be very careful that Roma don't become target of harassment, violence and hate crimes.

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GOD BLESS YOU ALL