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**Rostov on Don and Rostov region defrauded interest holders in property**  
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**Solidarity and proposals to launch an international campaign to defend the housing right in Rostov-on-Don and in Russian Federation**

Dear friends,

I remember your letter of 2007, by which you reported the scam to your damage. On that occasion, I pointed out that, being in contact with the members of the Institute for Collective Action ([www.ikd.ru](http://www.ikd.ru) - [info@ikd.ru](mailto:info@ikd.ru) - [carine\\_clement@hotmail.com](mailto:carine_clement@hotmail.com) ) and the Union of Coordinating Councils of Russia (SKS), on their suggestion, on May 7th 2007, we sent a letter requesting to the President of the Russian Federation to accept the responsibility to personally take control of resolving the "duped co-investors crisis" by:

- the creation of a special think tank including representatives from all the interested parties (federal authority, local authorities, property companies and "duped co-investors"), and with full powers to adopt emergency measures;
- either compensation or the continuation of the construction of the buildings;
- the recognition of the status of the victims of the fraudulent politico-property operations, whatever their particular situation;
- the condemnation of those responsible for this fraud, property companies and local authorities alike.

Unfortunately no reaction till today.

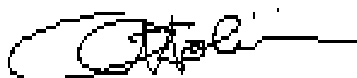
Therefore, I hereby confirm our full solidarity and we propose you to increase the international support in coordination with our Russian members.

We are organizing a series of initiatives at the [Urban Social Forum \(Rio de Janeiro, 22-26 March 2010\)](#) where, in particular, we will take stock of the process of the [World Assembly of Inhabitants \(WSF Dakar, 2011\)](#), a key step for strengthen the struggles of inhabitants globally.

Therefore, I suggest you define a Campaign of international solidarity, so we can launch it right at USF, where delegates of your country will also participate.

As to your request to send a mission in your country, we will put it on the agenda of the next AGFE meeting in Rio but, because there are many institutional resistance, the Campaign can help a lot to unlock.

I am looking forward to your comments and proposals. Ciao in solidarity.



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