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Zero Evictions Mediterranean!

The organisations and networks of inhabitants, co-operatives, residents' unions, migrants, social centres, committees in favour of the right to housing meeting in Barcelona for the FSMED (June 2005)

Conscious of the increase in the number of homeless persons, in housing uncertainty, in racial and social discrimination in parallel with the growing economic liberalisation in the Mediterranean area and unaccompanied by public policies sustaining social rights.

Considering that the situation is determined by neo-liberal and integration cultures and policies that produce: massive financial investments, increasingly more international, that destroy the vitality of cities; the apparent contradiction between growing urbanisation and the eviction of popular classes from historical centres; the impoverishment and migration of thousands of men and women considered as persons in transit and not as builders of the cities of the future.

Join in the **Appeal** for the construction of a united front built by social urban movements fighting to achieve concrete economic, social and cultural rights, in particular the right to housing and to a city in the entire world.

Launch an international platform favouring a Mediterranean area free of evictions with:

- the recognition and support of the right to housing provided in Article 11 of the ICESCR by all interested institutions -at a local, regional, national and international level- and in particular with the prohibition of eviction without an adequate and agreed reallocation
- the establishment of an international public service for housing that promotes housing and reception policies, also financed by European Union Structural Funds and proceeds from taxation of financial and immovable property transactions.
- the cancellation of external debt of poor countries and the allocation of freed resources to People's Housing and Land Trust Funds controlled by associations of inhabitants
- the elimination of the European Union limit of 3% of GDP on public expenditure if it relates to public investments in favour of housing policies
- the blocking of projects financed by the IMF, the World Bank, the EIB or other investors if their impact requires the eviction of inhabitants without an adequate and agreed reallocation, or if part of the funds is not allocated to housing policies for the poor.

Action Plan:

Agree to continue with the struggle and the initiative by:

- creating an alert system for solidarity in the Mediterranean area against violations of the right to housing (web page, appeals)
- starting off an exchange of experiences, of innovative practices between associations, movements and supporting local entities
- co-ordinating with other similar initiatives at a regional and global level, in particular in the Social Fora and the World Urban Forum (Vancouver, 19-23rd June 2006)
- inviting the support of the United Nations, according to the proper competencies, to sustain such proposals through missions of verification and conciliation in the countries in the area, assessing respect with article 11 of the ICESCR, strengthening the Millennium Objectives, requesting sanctions for non-conforming countries.
- Mobilizing "Word Zero-Eviction Day" on World Habitat Day (first week of October 2005).

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