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Evictions of Roma people in Serbia

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1. The Committee of Ministers assures the Honourable Parliamentarian of its continued vigilance and commitment to improving the situation of Roma communities across Europe.
2. The Committee of Ministers would point out that Serbia is a party to the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, as well as a party to the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages. In this respect, the implementation of its obligations and commitments are under regular periodical review. Such review takes place in constant and close co-operation with the Council of Europe's relevant bodies, including the Commissioner for Human Rights.
3. The Committee of Ministers has been informed by the Serbian authorities of the gravity of the health and safety issues which led to the decision to ensure the relocation of the informal settlement of Belvil, and of the initiatives under way, in consultation with the concerned inhabitants, with a view to resolving the situation promptly.

1. Adopted at the 1165th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (13 March 2013).

