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- My name is Mary Lechenuk and I represent the **Alliance for Adequate Housing and Habitat**, made up of Habitat for Humanity, TECHO Paraguay, Fábrica Social and the Research, Development and Innovation Center of the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Art from the National University.
- We have come together to collaborate from the civil society amid the next evaluation of the Paraguayan State through the **Universal Periodic Review**.
- Never before has the Paraguayan civil society participated in this evaluation reporting and having a focus on the right to adequate housing.
- In the 2016 evaluation, no recommendations were given related to access and housing policy, the right to the city and a healthy environment.
- **This examination is important because it marks a milestone in the review of basic conditions for the development of Paraguay.**

- The national report was prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- and in February of this year, we participated in a socialization meeting where we made comments and recommendations.
- **We do not know if they were taken into account or not.**

- From the Alliance, we submitted in August 2020, an informative note with 3 main themes:
 - First, the Law for the Promotion of Housing and Urban Development.
 - Second, Affordable Financing and Public Private Partnership.
 - Third, the Right to Housing in settlements.

We recommend to the Paraguayan government:

- To put into operation the Law No. 5638 linked to the economic reactivation of the country adapted to the Covid-19 context.
- and the implementation of the National Housing and Habitat Policy, and the reactivation of the National Habitat and Housing Committee.

Regarding affordable financing:

- To promote strategies between the public and private sectors to offer financing to low and middle income families.

- and, that it provides resources to the implementation of the housing guarantee fund for families considered high risk.

In reference to the settlements:

- To adopt and strengthen comprehensive improvement policies that ensure secure tenure processes, access to public services and participation, considering their needs, capacities and community organizations.
- Finally, that it prevents forced evictions through urban planning by strengthening existing programs.

Hoping that these recommendations are taken into account and represent a new stage in the country's commitments to human rights and sustainable development.

I am available for any further details. Thank you very much for your time.