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Subject: urgent request for information re. Gazela resettlement

To: Michaela Bergman, Environmental Department, EBRD

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Dear Mrs Bergman,

As you might know, the physical resettlement of families under the Gazela Bridge happened on Monday, 31st August. We are very surprised since as far as we know neither the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development nor the European Investment Bank had approved any Resettlement Action Plan.

We would therefore like to ask you for the following important information:

1. Has EBRD received a RAP which is in line with the IFC O.D. on involuntary resettlement from the Belgrade authorities?
2. Has the EBRD officially approved the RAP?
3. How EBRD will ensure the sustainability of the resettlement, e.g. economic activities for the affected population?
4. As the shipping containers are a temporary solution, how does the EBRD see the long-term housing solution and what will be done by the EBRD side to ensure a long-term solution is implemented?
5. What are the plans for donor monitoring of the affected people and which of the international institutions is responsible for this?
6. Through which mechanisms can affected people address any grievances regarding the resettlement?

We look forward to further communication.

Yours sincerely,

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