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DIRECT PROVISION: 20 YEARS TOO LONG

Dear Minister,

Ireland's Direct Provision system is an ongoing human rights scandal, trapping asylum seekers in inhumane conditions for years and violating their human rights. A new approach is urgently needed.

I urge the Government to work with stakeholders, including rights holders affected by Direct Provision, to develop an alternative that fully complies with international human rights standards. This new approach must:

- Respect, protect & fulfil the rights to adequate housing and an adequate standard of living;
- Safeguard the rights to physical and mental health, and to private and family life;
- Ensure supports and services are available, acceptable and appropriate;
- Include vulnerability assessments and ensure decisions about accommodation and supports are informed by individual needs;
- Ensure effective access to the right to work & the labour market;
- Guarantee the right to prompt, fair and effective determination of asylum/protection claims.

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