

## EQUALITY OF RIGHTS BETWEEN RESIDENTS OF MIGRANT HOSTELS AND TENANTS

*CALL to modify laws and decrees governing the housing of workers who live separated from their families.*

Today, the residents of the old migrant hostels in France are undergoing a change in the status of their housing which is catastrophic for their rights and way of life.

The so-called “social residence” is not designed for workers. **It's a new form of EMPRISONMENT!**

- 1) It is forbidden to live with one's spouse, son or any other member of the family or guest.
- 2) It is forbidden to copy the key, to modify the furnishings or the arrangement of the room.
- 3) Delays in the payment of fees lead straight to the courts without the mechanisms protecting tenants from avoidable eviction.
- 4) Staff enter studios as they wish, controlling occupation, denouncing infractions, sometimes committing theft.
- 5) Elder residents often move back and forth from France to the country of origin. Their health often needs following and many wish to maintain the contacts forged over a long life of labour. They are the first victims of evictions.
- 6) The residences are supposed to have common rooms, an office for elected delegates, sometimes a restaurant like in the hostels. In the new buildings, these are often forbidden, or access is fully controlled by the manager.

**The result of this transformation - a skyrocketing number of evictions!**

**We demand changes in the law. There must be:**

- 1) the creation of a “residence for isolated workers” with the same rights as tenants;
- 2) the strengthening of the right to privacy and family life, the forbidding of entry into private apartments by agents of the management without the explicit authorisation of occupants, the right to live with the person of one's choice and to move back and forth between the country of origin and France;
- 3) reinforced rights to collective spaces with surface area calculated according to the number of residents;
- 4) strengthening of the rights of Residents' Committees and elected delegates, aligned with the those of tenants' committees with a recognition of the right to co-manage collective life.

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**Cet appel est ouvert à la signature de tout syndicat, collectif parti ou association :** Signataires à la date du 08/02/22

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