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“UN Special Rapporteur on right to adequate housing to release preliminary findings”

Monday, Oct. 22, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

At the end of his first official fact-finding mission in Canada from 9 - 22 October 2007, Miloon Kothari, the United Nations' Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing, will hold a press conference at the Main Ottawa Public Library on Monday 22 October 2007 at 1:30 PM.

The Special Rapporteur will present his preliminary findings on adequate housing and other related rights in Canada, with a special focus on homelessness, women, indigenous peoples and the effects of mega-events on housing.

Mr. Kothari met with a number of federal, provincial and city housing and homelessness officials, national organizations and community-based groups during a national tour including visits to Montreal, Ottawa, Edmonton, Vancouver and Toronto.

In Ottawa, The Alliance to End Homelessness (ATEH) arranged for the Special Rapporteur to speak personally with people who are homeless or living on low incomes on October 11th.

Mr. Kothari spoke with people at *Centre 454*, a downtown drop-in Day Program, then visited several Ottawa shelters, including, the *Shepherds of Good Hope Emergency Shelter*, its *Managed Alcohol Program* and *Hope Outreach Program*; *Cornerstone/Le Pilier Women's Shelter*, and the Youth Services Bureau's *Young Men's Emergency & Transitional Housing*. He was also taken on a driving tour of non-profit housing developments run by the *Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation (CCOC)* and ended his time with ATEH by meeting with 7 mothers who are newcomers at *Debra Dynes Community House*.

WHAT: Press Conference with UN's Miloon Kothari

WHEN: 22 October 2007

**WHERE: Main Ottawa Public Library, Auditorium,
120 Metcalfe (at the corner of Metcalfe and Laurier)
Ottawa.**

TIME: 1:30PM

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For further information, please call:

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