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**Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus  
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the latter's Letter dated 23 April 2015, concerning the questionnaire on the right to adequate housing, has the honour to enclose herewith the relevant information as received from the competent Authorities of the Republic of Cyprus.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 30 June 2015



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The Housing Schemes provided by the Ministry of Interior include schemes especially tailored for population displaced from their homes, due to the 1974 Turkish invasion.

The fundamental objective of Housing Schemes for the displaced persons is the securing of a satisfactory level of living and acceptable housing conditions for displaced families until the solution of the Cyprus Problem and the return of all to their properties.

The Council of Ministers decided (Decision No.5.317, dated 19/6/2013), to recognize children of internally displaced person (IDP) mothers as displaced persons, entitled to all rights the children of IDP fathers have regarding existing benefits (Housing Schemes). The necessary legislative amendment was approved by the House of Parliament and published in the Government Gazette on 27/12/2013.

**The Housing Schemes for displaced persons are the following:**

**[ A ] 1. Self-help Housing on Private Land**

Under this scheme applicants are granted financial aid in order to build a housing unit on their own private land. Eligible applicants are considered those that are displaced persons and meet the income threshold, provided that they do not own another housing unit (or owned such a unit in the past). The amount of the aid is determined by the applicant's income and the size of his family. The aid for building a house is set as follows:

Size of Housing Unit (Determined by the family size)	Aid granted to families with annual income up to €30.000	Aid granted to families with annual income between €30.000 and €45.000	Aid Granted to single persons with annual income up to €20.000
One Bedroom (single persons)			8.500
One Bedroom (couples)	20.000	15.000	
Two Bedrooms (couple with one child or two of same gender)	23.000	18.000	
Three Bedrooms (couple with 2/3 children)	26.000	21.000	

### [ B ] Purchase of Apartment/House Scheme

Under this scheme applicants are granted financial aid in order to purchase a housing unit. Eligible applicants are considered those that are displaced persons and meet the income threshold, provided that they do not own another housing unit (or owned such a unit in the past). The amount of the aid is determined by the applicant's income and the size of his family. The aid for purchasing a housing unit is set as follows:

Size of Housing Unit (Determined by the family size)	Aid granted to families with annual income up to €30.000	Aid granted to families with annual income between €30.000 and €45.000	Aid Granted to single persons with annual income up to €20.000
One Bedroom (single persons)			8.500
One Bedroom (couples)	20.000	15.000	
Two Bedrooms (couple with one child or two of same gender)	23.000	18.000	
Three Bedrooms (couple with 2/3 children)	26.000	21.000	

### [ C ] Rent Subsidy

Under this scheme applicants are granted rent subsidy. Eligible applicants are considered those that are displaced persons and meet the income threshold, provided that they do not own another housing unit (or owned such a unit in the past). The amount of the aid is determined by the applicant's income and the size of his family.