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The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliment to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to the latter's letter of 26 February 2013 with the subject "*Communication from Special Procedures Allegation Letter AL Housing (2000-9) NGA 1/2013*". The letter conveyed an allegation from the Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing that the Lagos State Government had demolished 30 houses in the Oke-Ilu-Eri area of Badia East in Lagos State, Nigeria.

The Mission wishes to convey verbatim, the response of the Government of Lagos State of Nigeria, as follows in italics:

The Affected Area

The Badia community in the Apapa Iganmu Local Council Development Area of Lagos State is one of the nine (9) identified slum areas earmarked for regeneration/renewal under the World Bank funded Lagos Metropolitan Development and Governance Project (LMDGP). The Particular area now in question is only a small part of a 14 hectares block within the Badia settlement which was earlier cleared of all structures in 2003. It was a swampy portion now filled with refuse and the least built up of the entire community.

The 2003 clearance was then intended to pave way for the construction of a network of roads and drains, Lagos light rail project other social amenities planned by the administration of the then Governor of Lagos State, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu and notice of demolitions was duly served. The same area which is in issue now was therefore totally cleared of all buildings in the earlier exercise before its gradual reoccupation.

It had however been subsequently filled up with refuse, having been used as a refuse dump since it was first cleared and Lagos State Government could not provide the funds to immediately begin