

*Honorable Madam Laura Boldrini, President of the Camera dei Deputati,*

*We are a group of 45 Eritrean women refugees among us, there are two pregnant women and 4 children. We arrived in Lampedusa in August 2012 and from there we were transferred to an hosting centre at Tivoli, near Rome.*

*The location of the camp was completely isolated from the town of Tivoli, not well connected with Rome and not structurally suitable to ensure a decent living: the walls continually leaked because the pipes were broken, the heaters were not working and there were only 4 chemical toilets for a total of 79 guests.*

*There was lack of service: a doctor never entered the structure to visit us; for long time we have not even had the chance to receive medical treatment in facilities outside the centre because, being without documents, we couldn't ask for a health card; very often the operators administered medicines for our sickness but, obviously, they didn't have the expertise to understand our pain and they often gave us all the same treatments.*

*Despite these poor conditions, we were able to ensure ourselves the minimum rights: a health card and the enrolment of our children in school, but not a shuttle service.*

*In December, without any warning, as if we didn't have the right to be aware of our lives, the cooperative decided to put us on a bus and "deliver" us to another centre, the current one, in Del Ponto dell'Elce, a little town near Anguillara, even more isolated and from the town and from Rome. At the beginning we were 110 people of different nationalities.*

*To get to the bus stop we have to walk for 1 hour in a dark street without a sidewalk. Twice we had to undergo the same treatment: long waits to see a doctor in the nearest town, months waiting before finding an agreement with the cooperative to send our children to school, no shuttle service to ensure at least one connection with essential service such as schools and hospitals.*

*A very difficult situation that added to our state of stress and worry waiting for the interview with the Commission and the final result.*

*Once again we organized and, again, after putting a great deal of pressure on the cooperative, we achieved medical assistance and enrolment in school for our children.*

*But, as if that were not enough, on March the cooperative decided to move us again, to return us to the center of Tivoli, without ever giving any explanation. At that point some of us decided to say*

*that was enough and refused to be treated as “packages”, choosing to continue to stay in the centre, despite the opposition of the cooperative.*

*After that, we have been abandoned to ourselves, without operators and without medicines. In the center we now only have the operator that comes daily, just to bring us meals.*

*oday, for the third time, the cooperative has informed us that on Monday (22nd of April) we have to leave the centre to be transferred, once again, to Tivoli. Even if the centre in which we are living is not at all a respectable place and despite the conditions are not the best, during these months we have been able to create an interaction with the inhabitants of the town and to build some kind of relation with this territory. Moreover, we are sure that the conditions in the Tivoli centre won't be better.*

*We only want our documents and we our only claim is to be treated as human beings and to be free to determine our lives. We ask for a respectable treatment and to be hosted in buildings that are not kept far away from society.*

*Eritrean women refugees of Anguillara*