GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING

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1. GUARANTEE THE RIGHT TO HOUSING AS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT LINKED TO DIGNITY AND THE RIGHT TO LIFE

2. TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ENSURE THE PROGRESSIVE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARD OF REASONABLENESS

3. ENSURE MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN THE DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF HOUSING POLICIES AND DECISIONS

4. IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO HOUSING

5. ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME AND STOP THE CRIMINALIZATION OF PERSONS LIVING IN HOMELESSNESS
6. PROHIBIT FORCED EVICTIONS AND PREVENT EVICTIONS WHENEVER POSSIBLE

"States continue – with impunity – to evict people from their homes, contrary to international human rights law"

"[F]orced eviction [is] a gross violation of human rights... evictions ... can only occur as a last resort, must be carried out with dignity, and must never result in homelessness."

"No private investment or development should be permitted without ensuring that it also respects the right to housing."

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7. UPGRADE INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS INCORPORATING A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

8. ADDRESS DISCRIMINATION AND ENSURE EQUALITY

9. ENSURE GENDER EQUALITY IN HOUSING AND LAND

10. ENSURE THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR MIGRANTS AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

11. ENSURE THE CAPACITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING
12. Ensure the regulation of businesses in a manner consistent with state obligations and address the financialization of housing.

13. Ensure that the right to housing informs and is responsive to climate change and address the effects of the climate crisis on the right to housing.

14. Engage in international cooperation to ensure the realization of the right to adequate housing.

15. Ensure effective monitoring and accountability mechanisms.

16. Ensure access to justice for all aspects of the right to housing.