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Stellingen

Behorende bij het proefschrift van Ingrid Westendorp,
'*Women and Housing: Gender Makes a Difference*'
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- 1) Home may be a very dangerous place for women and children.
- 2) The right to adequate housing should be regarded as an autonomous right of every individual instead of a family right.
- 3) Forms of temporary housing should be regulated and conditioned by rules determining adequacy.
- 4) Developed States should acknowledge the full justiciability of the right to adequate housing.
- 5) The Dutch bill on temporary eviction of the perpetrator of domestic violence is a step in the right direction, but fails to offer lasting solutions.
- 6) Advocates of collective human rights should be careful not to contribute to the perpetuation of the disadvantaged position girls and women may have within their own groups.
- 7) The Netherlands, as well as other receiving States, should ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as soon as possible.
- 8) Current proposals to consolidate UN human rights treaty monitoring into one comprehensive committee entail the risk of marginalization of women's human rights.
- 9) The practice of the UN General Assembly of adopting normative resolutions without a vote obscures the creation of customary international law for lack of clear evidence of *opinio iuris*.
- 10) Feminism is inherently incompatible with traditional cultural patterns in society.
- 11) Although the universality of human rights of women is contested, there is firm universal agreement about the duties women have in performing cumbersome, unremunerated and low-esteemed, but indispensable, household chores.