

United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

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Views adopted on 20 June 2017

Pursuant to Art. 18 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, the Kingdom of Spain hereby informs the Committee about the measures adopted in follow-up of the recommendations contained in the Views of reference, under the terms of Art. 9.2 of the Optional Protocol ("*The State Party shall give due consideration to the views of the Committee, together with its recommendations.*")

- Specific Recommendations:

The Agencia de la Vivienda Social de la Comunidad de Madrid (Social Housing Agency of the Community of Madrid) has initiated formal proceedings to enable the author to apply for public housing in calls for applications since the relevant file had expired on 26 September 2016.

Such proceedings are in line with the requirements applicable to all interested persons and ensure respect for the principle of equality among all applicants while preventing discrimination under conditions of equality.

The requirements include being registered, having income, not owning other housing, and being in a situation of special need, such as imminent eviction, gender violence, living in housing not meeting habitability requirements, substandard housing, hostel, shelter or protected apartment, among other (Art. 13). Once it has been proven that such requirements are met, an evaluation process starts.

The evaluation process considers certain situations, including being a victim of gender violence, having a disability, economic circumstances, dependence, family responsibilities, application age, as well as other circumstances assessed by social workers. (Annex I to Decree.)

Please find attached as document No. 1 a report issued by Comunidad Autónoma de Madrid (Autonomous Community of Madrid) containing applicable regulations, document No. 1 bis.

- General Recommendations:

The Views have been published in Boletín Oficial del Ministerio de Justicia (Ministry of Justice's Official Gazette) No. 2203 December 2017, which is attached as document No. 2 referring to the release.

The Kingdom of Spain submitted a report on the allegations made by the Special Rapporteur on Housing in communication 5/2015, indicating the measures adopted by the Kingdom of Spain and its various agencies in order to find a solution to housing issues; the Kingdom of Spain regrets that such measures were only given a five-line reference by the Committee (paragraph 10).

The Kingdom of Spain continues to move forward through its various public agencies in order to find a solution and to cover the issues related to housing using maximum efforts and resources available.

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