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PROPOSITIONS belonging to the PhD Thesis

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through Accountability as a Process**

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1. Merely building four walls and a roof is not sufficient to fulfil the complex requirements of providing adequate housing as recognised in national and international law.
2. The UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights needs to clarify the elements of the right to adequate housing as contained in its General Comment No 4 in order to better assist states parties to fulfil their positive and negative international obligations related to this right.
3. Ending indirect discriminatory practices in accessing rented public housing is required to ensure equal chances to enjoy the right to adequate housing to everyone, in particular to poor internal migrants in the regions where they live and work.
4. In the near future land expropriation will be needed for a highway project between Yogyakarta-Surakarta-Semarang which will affect 22 villages, including the author's village. The government of Indonesia needs to provide better legal guidance to ensure that evicting people from their homes for this project, or for other development projects, is done in a manner that respects and protects the human rights of affected people.
5. Making accountability as a process an integral part of housing policy and decision making will boost the realisation of housing rights.
6. Ensuring that the distribution of houses is equitable and justified requires that the authorities establish a proper monitoring system to avoid that houses built for low income groups are delivered to more affluent groups.
7. The establishment of enforcement measures is needed to urge the government to respect domestic courts' judgments, and to provide compensation, remedy and redress for affected community in a reasonable time to prevent further human rights deprivation.
8. Paracetamol has become one of my best friends during my PhD in the 'cold' but lovely Groningen.

