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General comments adopted by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on the interpretation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

1. General comment No. 1 (1989) – Reporting by States parties
2. General comment No. 2 (1990) – International technical assistance measures (art. 22 of the Covenant)
3. General comment No. 3 (1990) – The nature of States parties' obligations (art. 2 (1) of the Covenant)
4. General comment No. 4 (1991) – The right to adequate housing (art. 11 (1) of the Covenant)
5. General comment No. 5 (1994) – Persons with disabilities
6. General comment No. 6 (1995) – The economic, social and cultural rights of older persons
7. General comment No. 7 (1997) – The right to adequate housing: forced evictions (art. 11 (1) of the Covenant)
8. General comment No. 8 (1997) – The relationship between economic sanctions and respect for economic, social and cultural rights
9. General comment No. 9 (1998) – The domestic application of the Covenant
10. General comment No. 10 (1998) – The role of national human rights institutions in the protection of economic, social and cultural rights
11. General comment No. 11 (1999) – Plans of action for primary education (art. 14)
12. General comment No. 12 (1999) – The right to adequate food (art. 11)
13. General comment No. 13 (1999) – The right to education (art. 13)
14. General comment No. 14 (2000) – The right to the highest attainable standard of health (art. 12)
15. General comment No. 15 (2002) – The right to water (arts. 11 and 12)
16. General comment No. 16 (2005) – The equal right of men and women to the enjoyment of all economic, social and cultural rights (art. 3)
17. General comment No. 17 (2005) – The right of everyone to benefit from the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author (art. 15 (1) (c))
18. General comment No. 18 (2005) – The right to work (art. 6)
19. General comment No. 19 (2007) – The right to social security (art. 9)

20. General comment No. 20 (2009) – Non-discrimination in economic, social and cultural rights (art. 2, para. 2)
21. General comment No. 21 (2009) – Right of everyone to take part in cultural life

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