COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Sixtieth session 18 April – 12 May 2017

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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF THE CONVENTION

Concluding observations of the Committee against Torture

(Extracts for follow-up of CAT/C/KOR/CO/3-5)

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| C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations |
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| Excessive use of force by law enforcement officials |
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| 14. The State party should: |
| (d) Provide information on the outcome of the investigations undertaken by the Prosecutor's Office and the National Police Agency against seven police officers for violating the Act on the Performance of Duties by Police Officers in relation to the death of Mr. Baek and inform the Committee about the outcome of any judicial proceedings; |
| (e) Investigate cases of excessive use of force against the families bereaved by the Sewol Ferry accident, prosecute those responsible and inform the Committee about the outcome of the proceedings; |
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| "Substitute cells" in police stations |
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| 26. The State party should close the remaining "substitute cells", take urgent measures to bring conditions in still existing "substitute cells" in line with relevant international standards and ensure that female police officers supervise "substitute cells" in which women are detained until they are closed. |
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| Abuse in the military |
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| 36. The State party should: |

(b) Establish the office of military ombudsman as an independent entity to monitor military units and conduct investigations into allegations of abuse and violence in the military;

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Follow-up procedure

49. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 12 May 2018, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on the outcome of investigations by the Prosecutor's Office and the National Police Agency in relation to the death of Mr. Baek, on the outcome of any proceedings in relation to the Sewol Ferry accident, on the closing of remaining "substitute cells" and on the establishment of the office of the military ombudsman (see paras. 14 (d) and (e), 26 and 36 (b)). In that context, the State party is invited to inform the Committee about its plans for implementing, within the coming reporting period, some or all of the remaining recommendations in the concluding observations.

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