

**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/BEN/CO/3)

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C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

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Fundamental safeguards

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11. The State party should:

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(e) **Continue its efforts to ensure that all prisons are provided with a computerized central registry, and that, in the meantime, existing logbooks are properly maintained;**

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Pretrial detention

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21. The Committee recommends that the State party:

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(c) **Immediately release all persons who have been detained awaiting trial for a period exceeding the maximum sentence carried by the offence of which they stand accused.**

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Monitoring of detention facilities

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25. The State party should:

(a) **Immediately establish monitoring committees in every prison, ensure that they are open-ended and include all stakeholders, and provide them with the resources and powers necessary to process complaints and investigate any conduct on the part of law enforcement officers and prison staff that might be contrary to the Convention;**

(b) **Take appropriate measures to grant all accredited non-governmental organizations ongoing access to detention facilities.**

(...)

Suppression of protests

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35. The Committee encourages the State party to carry out impartial and thorough investigations into all allegations of excessive use of force, without delay and to develop clear guidelines on the use of force and weapons, incorporating the principles of lawfulness, necessity and proportionality and the precautionary principle. It also encourages the State party to bring laws and regulations governing the use of force into line with international standards, in particular the Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials adopted by the United Nations in 1990.

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Follow-up procedure

42. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 17 May 2020, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations contained in paragraphs 11 (e), 21 (c), 25 (a) and (b) and 35 above. In 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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