C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

National torture prevention mechanism

17. The Committee urges the State party to establish or designate a national torture prevention mechanism in compliance with the international obligations it has undertaken. In this connection, the Committee draws the State party’s attention to the guidelines on national preventive mechanisms developed by the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (CAT/OP/12/5), according to which States parties should, inter alia, provide their national preventive mechanism with the necessary resources to operate effectively, ensure that it enjoys complete financial and operational autonomy when carrying out its functions and ensure the impartiality and independence of its members.

Deaths of minors and allegations of torture, ill-treatment and sexual abuse in residential protection centres belonging to the National Service for Minors network

37. The Committee urges the State party to:

(a) Ensure that all cases of deaths of children and adolescents placed in the network of residential centres managed by the National Service for Minors and its partner agencies are promptly and impartially investigated by an independent body;

(b) Ensure that all allegations of torture, ill-treatment and sexual abuse of children placed in these centres are promptly, thoroughly and impartially investigated; ensure that alleged perpetrators are prosecuted and, if found guilty, punished in a manner commensurate with the gravity of their acts; and ensure that all victims are granted adequate redress;
Ill-treatment of persons with disabilities and older persons

39. The Committee urges the State party to investigate allegations of ill-treatment of persons with disabilities and older persons in residential institutions and all cases of sudden deaths occurring in such settings.

Follow-up procedure

56. The Committee requests that the State party provide, by 10 August 2019, information on the follow-up given to the Committee’s recommendation on establishing or appointing a national mechanism for the prevention of torture; its recommendation on the deaths of minors and allegations of torture; its recommendation on ill-treatment and sexual abuse in residential protection centres belonging to the National Service for Minors network; and its recommendation on the ill-treatment of persons with disabilities and older persons (see paras. 17, 37 (a) and (b) and 39). 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 contained in the concluding observations.