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/FRA/CO/7)

FRANCE

C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

Alleged excessive use of force by the police and the gendarmerie

17. The Committee recommends that the State party enhance its efforts to prevent any excessive use of force by the police and the gendarmerie and to ensure that:

(c) Cases are prosecuted and, in the event of conviction, punishment proportionate to the seriousness of the actions is ordered;

Suicides in prisons

26. The Committee recommends that the State party strengthen its policy for preventing suicides in prison, in particular by: (a) reducing the risk factors; (b) placing prisoners at risk of suicide in a disciplinary block solely in exceptional circumstances; and (c) stepping up monitoring and support when a prisoner is placed under emergency protection measures or in a safe cell. The Committee requests the State party to undertake an evaluation of its national action plan to prevent suicide in prisons and to report its findings to the Committee.

Psychiatric facilities

31. While noting the measures adopted to change the situation at the Ain Psychotherapy Centre, the Committee calls on the State party to implement, as a
matter of urgency, all the recommendations concerning the Centre made by the Inspector General of Places of Deprivation of Liberty.

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Follow-up procedure

40. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 13 May 2017, follow-up information in response to the Committee’s recommendations contained in paragraphs 17 (c), 26 and 31.

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