

**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/HND/CO/2)

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C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

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Control and management of the prison system

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16. **The Committee urges the State party to prioritize handing over the management of prisons to the National Prison Institute. The State party should end the practice of detaining persons accused of ordinary crimes in military facilities.**

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Conditions of detention

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20. **The State party should:**

(a) **Redouble its efforts to relieve overcrowding in penal institutions, mainly by making use of alternatives to custodial sentences;**

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(c) **Guarantee security inside prisons by providing appropriate training to prison staff and by developing strategies to reduce violence among prisoners;**

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National preventive mechanisms

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30. **The State party should ensure that the National Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment has sufficient resources to carry out its role effectively and independently, in accordance with the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. The Committee urges the State party to adopt criteria for the selection of the National**

Committee's members based on the guidelines on national preventive mechanisms issued by the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (see CAT/OP/12/5, paras. 16-20). The State party should also ensure effective follow-up on and implementation of the recommendations made by the National Committee on the basis of its monitoring activities (ibid, paras. 13 and 38).

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Human rights defenders and other representatives of civil society who are at risk

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44. The Committee urges the State party to:

(a) Provide detailed information on the prosecution of those responsible for the death of Berta Cáceres;

(b) Ensure that journalists, human rights defenders and other representatives of civil society are protected from acts of intimidation and violence to which they may be exposed because of their activities;

(c) Ensure that all incidents involving threats or attacks directed at journalists, human rights defenders and members of civil society organizations are promptly and impartially investigated.

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Follow-up procedure

53. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 12 August 2017, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations contained in paragraphs 16, 20 (a) and (c), 30 and 44. 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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