

**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/KWT/CO/3 & Corr.1 and 2)*

**KUWAIT**

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**C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations**

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**Torture and ill-treatment**

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**14. The State party:**

- (a) Publicly condemn the use of torture and ill-treatment with the clear message by the highest State authority that it will not be tolerated and that those responsible will be held to account;**

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**Conditions of detention**

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**23. The State party should:**

- (a) Take urgent measures to improve the material conditions in all places where persons are deprived of their liberty and reduce overcrowding with a view to ensuring full compliance with international standards enshrined in the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules);**
- (b) Ensure that minors are not held with adults in police stations and that arrested women and girls are guarded only by female guards in all places of detention, including police stations;**
- (c) Ensure that detainees facing the death penalty are not subjected to solitary confinement and isolation and inform the Committee about specific detention conditions that are imposed on those prisoners, ensuring that they are in line with the Nelson Mandela Rules;**
- (d) Ensure that detained persons can complain about their conditions of detention to an independent complaints mechanism;**

- (e) **Ensure that independent international and domestic bodies, including the Diwan (the national human rights institution), carry out unannounced visits to all places where persons are deprived of their liberty and ensure that their reports and recommendations are adequately followed up by the relevant authorities;**
- (f) **Place the penitentiary system under the authority of the Ministry of Justice instead of the Ministry of the Interior.**

#### **Imposition of the death penalty**

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#### **27. The State party should:**

- (a) **As a matter of urgency, reinstate a de facto moratorium on the application of the death penalty;**

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#### **Foreign workers**

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#### **31. The State party should:**

- (a) **Vigorously implement and enforce the Domestic Workers Act No. 68, by carrying out labour inspections, reporting and, if charges are warranted, promptly prosecuting cases of abuse by employers, and bring those responsible to justice;**
- (b) **Urgently reform the sponsorship system to ensure that foreign workers, and in particular female domestic workers, are not subjected to the risk of abuses in violation of the Convention;**
- (c) **Provide legal protection to foreign workers, including female domestic workers, against exploitation, ill-treatment and abuse;**
- (d) **Ensure that foreign workers, and in particular female domestic workers, have access to a helpline in a language they understand and to shelters as well as the possibility to have access to justice, including to lodge complaints against those responsible and have access to justice;**
- (e) **Provide redress to victims of abuse, including legal, medical and psychological aid, as well as rehabilitation and financial compensation;**
- (f) **Provide updated information on foreign workers, including on their nationalities, whether regular inspections of their working conditions are conducted and whether their working conditions are humane. In addition, provide information on the workers from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the conditions in**

**which they work, whether they are provided with adequate food and health care and whether they receive their full salary.**

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### **Follow-up procedure**

46. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 12 August 2017, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on a public statement by the highest State authority condemning the use of torture and ill-treatment, conditions of detention, the urgent reinstatement of the de facto moratorium on the application of the death penalty, and the situation of foreign workers (see paras. 14 (a), 23, 27 (a) and 31). 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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