

**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/MDV/CO/1)

MALDIVES

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C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

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Transitional justice and accountability for torture and ill-treatment

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8. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) **Promptly create an impartial and effective transitional justice mechanism mandated to investigate allegations of torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment committed in the past, including prior to 2012, and provide information on that mechanism, including its mandate and details concerning its investigative capacity and how it will be expected to ensure the prosecution of perpetrators of torture and ill-treatment, in the State party's next report to the Committee;**

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Impunity for torture

(...)

10. The State party should promptly, impartially and effectively investigate all complaints of torture and ill-treatment. To this end, it should:

(a) **Ensure effective cooperation between police investigators and bodies charged with receiving complaints of torture, particularly the Human Rights Commission of the Maldives and the National Integrity Commission, for example by establishing an independent mechanism to assist in the investigation of allegations of torture and ill-treatment so that there is no hierarchical connection between the investigators and the alleged perpetrators;**

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Judicial flogging

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32. The State party should immediately enact a moratorium on flogging and other corporal punishment and should consider reviewing its laws with a view to prohibiting the practice as a matter of priority.

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Prison reform and conditions of detention

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36. The State party should:

(a) Urgently undertake the prison reform it has announced;

(b) Urgently take all necessary measures to improve material conditions in all places of deprivation of liberty, including reducing overcrowding, in keeping with the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Mandela Rules); and consider using alternatives to imprisonment in conformity with the Tokyo Rules in order to decrease the prison population;

(...)

Follow-up procedure

47. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 7 December 2019, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on the establishment of an impartial and effective transitional justice mechanism; on dealing with impunity for acts of torture; on enacting a moratorium on flogging and other corporal punishment with a view to prohibiting them; and on urgently undertaking the prison reform it has announced and the measures to improve the material conditions of detention (see paras. 8 (a), 10 (a), 32 and 36 (a) and (b)). In the same 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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