

**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/PAK/CO/1)

PAKISTAN

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C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

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Allegations of widespread use of torture by the police

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7. The Committee calls upon the State party to:

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(c) **Ensure that police officers who engage in torture are prosecuted and punished with penalties that are commensurate with the gravity of the offence of torture, as required under article 4 of the Convention;**

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Inadequate investigation of complaints of torture

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9. The Committee urges the State party to:

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(c) **Take immediate measures to ensure the establishment and effective operation of effective police oversight bodies, particularly public safety commissions, at the district and provincial levels throughout the State party;**

(...)

Impunity for acts of torture by military and paramilitary forces and intelligence agencies

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11. The State party should:

(a) Take all necessary measures to ensure that all allegations of torture or ill-treatment are promptly, thoroughly and impartially investigated by a fully independent civilian body, that perpetrators are duly prosecuted and, if found guilty, convicted with penalties that are commensurate with the grave nature of their crimes;

(...)

Follow-up procedure

46. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 12 May 2018, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on prosecutions of police officers found guilty of acts of torture, the establishment and operation of effective police oversight bodies and measures to ensure that all allegations of torture or ill-treatment are promptly, thoroughly and impartially investigated by a fully independent civilian body (see paras. 7 (c), 9 (c) and 11 (a)). 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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