

**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/PRT/CO/7)

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C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

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National preventive mechanism

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16. **The State party should ensure the operational autonomy of the national preventive mechanism and provide it with the necessary earmarked financial and personnel resources for the performance of its work, in accordance with article 18 (1) and (3) of the Optional Protocol (see also CAT/OP/12/5, paras. 11–12). Pursuant to article 20 (c) of the Optional Protocol, the State party should grant the national preventive mechanism access to all places of detention and their installations and facilities, as defined in article 4 of the Optional Protocol.**

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Excessive use of force, including racially motivated violence

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18. **The State party should :**

(a) **Ensure that all allegations of excessive use of force and racially motivated misconduct by the police are investigated promptly, thoroughly and impartially, and that perpetrators are duly tried and, if found guilty, punished in a manner commensurate with the gravity of their acts;**

(...)

Conditions of detention

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22. **The State party should:**

(a) **Continue its efforts to improve conditions of detention and seek to eliminate overcrowding in penitentiary institutions and other detention facilities,**

including through the application of non-custodial measures. In that connection, the Committee draws the State party's attention to the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for Non-custodial Measures (the Tokyo Rules) and the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (the Bangkok Rules);

(...)

Follow-up procedure

47. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 6 December 2020, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on: the national preventive mechanism; allegations of excessive use of force, including racially motivated violence; and conditions of detention (see paras. 16, 18 (a) and 22 (a) above). 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 of the concluding observations.

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