



**Convention against Torture  
and Other Cruel, Inhuman  
or Degrading Treatment  
or Punishment**

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**Committee against Torture**

**Decision adopted by the Committee under article 22 of the  
Convention, concerning communication No. 524/2012<sup>\*</sup>, <sup>\*\*</sup>**

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| <i>Communication submitted by:</i> | A.V.B. (not represented by counsel)  |
| <i>Alleged victim:</i>             | The complainant  |
| <i>State party:</i>                | Kazakhstan   |
| <i>Date of complaint:</i>          | 9 July 2012 (initial submission)   |
| <i>Substantive issues:</i>         | Torture and other ill-treatment in prison, and lack of effective investigation |

At its meeting on 14 July 2021, the Committee, not having received the complainant's comments on the State party's observations, despite sending three reminders to that effect, and not having received any further response from the complainant despite sending four status enquiries, and therefore being unable to continue the proceedings, decided to discontinue the consideration of communication No. 524/2012.

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\* Adopted by the Committee at its seventy-first session (12 – 30 July 2021).

\*\* The following members of the Committee participated in the examination of the communication: Essadia Belmir, Claude Heller, Erdogan Iscan, Liu Huawen, Peter Kessing, Ilvija Puce, Ana Racu, Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón and Bakhtiyar Tuzmukhamedov.