

**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/LVA/CO/6)

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C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

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Conditions of detention

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15. The State party should:

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(d) Strengthen the effectiveness of complaints mechanisms for reporting cases of violence; examine, record and investigate all injuries and deaths resulting from inter-prisoner or other violence, prosecute those responsible and prevent such incidents from recurring in the future by taking appropriate measures based on dynamic security principles; provide persons deprived of their liberty with adequate health care and medication; increase the number and remuneration of medical staff, including psychiatrists, and transfer the competence of penitentiary medical staff to the authority of the Ministry of Health;

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Independent monitoring of places of detention

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19. The State party should:

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(d) Take further steps towards ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention.

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Redress, including compensation and rehabilitation

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35. The Committee reiterates its recommendation that the State party amend its legislation to include explicit provisions on the right of victims of torture and ill-treatment to redress, including fair and adequate compensation and rehabilitation, in accordance with article 14 of the Convention and in light of its general comment No. 3. It should, in practice, provide all victims of torture and ill-treatment with redress, including fair and adequate compensation, and as full rehabilitation as possible, regardless of whether the perpetrators of such acts have been brought to justice. It should allocate the necessary resources for the effective implementation of rehabilitation programmes. In addition, the State party should:

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(c) Increase the amounts of State compensation provided to each victim of torture or ill-treatment.

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Follow-up procedure

36. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 6 December 2020, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention, increasing the amounts of State compensation provided to each victim of torture or ill-treatment, and strengthening the effectiveness of complaints mechanisms for reporting cases of violence and providing adequate health care to persons in detention (see paragraphs 19 (d), 35 (c) and 15 (d)). 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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