

**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/CAN/CO/7)**

**CANADA**

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**C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations**

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**Diplomatic assurances**

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29. **The State party should under no circumstances expel, return or extradite a person to another State where there are substantial grounds for believing that he or she would be in danger of being subjected to torture. Moreover, as indicated in paragraph 20 of the Committee's general comment No. 4 (2017) on the implementation of article 3 in the context of article 22, diplomatic assurances should not be used as a loophole to undermine the principle of non-refoulement as set out in article 3 of the Convention. The State party should thoroughly consider the merits of each individual case, including the overall situation with regard to torture in the country of return.**

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**Adequate redress for the torture and ill-treatment of Canadians detained abroad**

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39. **The Committee draws the State party's attention to paragraphs 5 and 16 of its general comment No. 3 (2012) on the implementation of article 14, in which it elaborates on the nature and scope of the obligations of States parties under article 14 of the Convention to provide full redress to victims of torture. In particular, satisfaction should include, by way of and in addition to the obligations of investigation and criminal prosecution under articles 12 and 13 of the Convention, the following remedies, inter alia: verification of the facts and full and public disclosure of the truth to the extent that such disclosure does not cause further harm or threaten the safety and interests of the victim, the victim's relatives, witnesses, or persons who have intervened to assist the victim or prevent the occurrence of further violations; an official declaration or judicial decision restoring the dignity, the reputation and the rights of the victim and of persons closely connected with the victim; and judicial and administrative sanctions against persons liable for the violations. The State party should provide information on specific measures taken in the above-mentioned cases.**

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### **Security certificates**

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**47. Recalling its previous recommendation (CAT/C/CAN/CO/6, para. 12), the Committee recommends that all measures to restrict or limit guarantees of a fair trial on security grounds should be fully compliant with the Convention. In particular, the State party should:**

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- (c) Provide an update on the above-mentioned cases.**

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### **Involuntary sterilization of indigenous women**

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**51. The State party should:**

- (a) Ensure that all allegations of forced or coerced sterilization are impartially investigated, that the persons responsible are held accountable and that adequate redress is provided to the victims;**

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### **Follow-up procedure**

**54. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 7 December 2019, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on diplomatic assurances; adequate redress for the torture and ill-treatment of Canadians detained abroad; security certificates; and involuntary sterilization of indigenous women (see paras. 29, 39, 47 (c) and 51 (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 in the concluding observations.**

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