COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE Sixty-sixth session

23 April – 17 May 2019

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/DEU/CO/6)

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C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations
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National Agency for the Prevention of Torture
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14. The Committee reiterates its recommendation in its previous concluding observations (CAT/C/DEU/CO/5, para. 13) that the State party provide the National Agency for the Prevention of Torture with sufficient human, financial technical and logistical resources to enable it to carry out its functions effectively and independently, in accordance with article 18 (3) of the Optional Protocol and guidelines Nos. 11 and 12 of the guidelines on national preventive mechanisms issued by the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.
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Detention and treatment of asylum seekers and migrants, and acts of racism
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31. The State party should ensure that:
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(d) Independent national and international monitoring bodies and non-governmental organizations regularly monitor all places in which asylum seekers and migrants are deprived of their liberty or their liberty is restricted, including in the Anker centres, and all incidents and allegations of torture and ill-treatment of asylum seekers and migrants are promptly, effectively and impartially investigated, and those responsible are prosecuted and appropriately punished;

Training and education

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55. The State party should:

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(c) Ensure that training on the identification of signs of physical and mental torture, in particular on the Istanbul Protocol, is specifically provided to personnel dealing with asylum seekers and refugees;

(...)

Follow-up procedure

59. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 17 May 2020, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on the National Agency for the Prevention of Torture, violence against asylum seekers and migrants, and training on the Istanbul Protocol (see paras. 14, 31 (d) and 55 (c) above, respectively). 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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