## COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

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## 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/PER/CO/7)

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*(...)* C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations (...) National preventive mechanism *(...)* 15. The State party should ensure the operational autonomy of the national preventive mechanism and provide it with the necessary resources for the performance of its work in accordance with article 18 (1) and (3) of the Optional Protocol (see also the guidelines on national preventive mechanisms, paras. 11 and 12). *(...)* **Forced sterilizations** *(...)* 

37. The Committee urges the State party to ensure that prosecution is undertaken in such cases, that the perpetrators of those crimes are given sentences that are commensurate with the seriousness of their actions, that those sentences are effectively enforced and that redress is provided to the victims.

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Protection against gender-based violence

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- 39. The State party should:
- Ensure that all cases of gender-based violence against women and girls, especially those involving actions or omissions by State authorities or other entities which engage the international responsibility of the State party under the Convention, are thoroughly investigated, that the alleged perpetrators are prosecuted and, if convicted, are punished appropriately and that the victims receive redress, including adequate compensation;

- (b) Ensure the prohibition of conciliation in all cases of domestic and spousal abuse;
- (c) Provide mandatory training on the prosecution of gender-based violence to judges, public prosecutors and law enforcement personnel and conduct awareness-raising campaigns on all forms of violence against women;
- (d) Ensure that victims of gender-based violence receive the medical care, psychological support and legal assistance they require.

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## Follow-up procedure

50. The Committee requests that the State party provide, by 7 December 2019 at the latest, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on the national preventive mechanism, forced sterilizations, and human rights defenders and journalists (paras. 15, 37 and 39 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 recommendations contained in the concluding observations.

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