

**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/ECU/CO/7)

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C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

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Allegations of torture and ill-treatment in prison

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32. The Committee requests the State party to provide full information on the results of the investigation into allegations of abuse committed in the Sierra Sur Turi regional prison. It should also investigate and report to the Committee on allegations of ill-treatment of minors held in centres for adolescent offenders.

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Victims and witness protection

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38. The State party should continue to strengthen the capacity of the National Victim and Witness Protection Programme in order to ensure that victims and witnesses of acts of torture, including forensic experts, are effectively protected and supported. The Committee urges the State party to report on the outcome of the investigation into the murder of the forensic doctor Germán Antonio Ramírez Herrera and on the related criminal proceedings, if any.

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Abuse and sexual violence against minors in schools

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48. The Committee reiterates its previous concluding observations (see CAT/C/ECU/CO/4-6, para. 18) and urges the State party to continue taking the necessary measures to prevent and eliminate abuse and sexual violence against minors in schools. The Committee also urges the State to ensure that all such acts are investigated promptly, effectively and impartially, that the perpetrators are brought to justice and that victims obtain redress. The State must also ensure that the victims are provided with the necessary protection and support. Finally, the State party should provide comprehensive statistical data on the number of

complaints received and investigated, and on the number of prosecutions and convictions in such cases.

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Follow-up procedure

57. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 7 December 2017, information on the follow-up given to the Committee's recommendations, as contained in paragraphs 32 (allegations of torture and ill-treatment in prisons), 38 (victim and witness protection) and 48 (abuse and sexual violence against minors in schools). Along these same lines, the State party is invited to inform the Committee about its plans for implementing, during the next reporting period, some or all of the remaining recommendations set out in the present concluding observations.

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