

**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/MEX/CO/7)*

**MEXICO**

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

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**Incidence of the use of torture in the State party**

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**9. The State party should:**

(a) **Unequivocally reaffirm its support for an absolute prohibition of torture and ill-treatment and state publicly that any person committing acts of this kind or being found to be otherwise complicit or acquiescent in them will be held personally responsible for those acts before the law and will be subject to criminal prosecution and appropriate penalties;**

(b) **Ensure that the national survey of persons deprived of their liberty is conducted on a regular basis and that the survey findings are published.**

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**National programme against torture**

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**13. The Committee encourages the State party to finalize the development and adoption of the national programme to prevent and punish torture and ill-treatment and to allocate the corresponding budget, ensuring that civil society organizations specialized in documenting cases of torture and/or assisting victims are involved, as required under article 70 of the General Act on Torture.**

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**Fundamental legal safeguards**

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**15. The State party should:**

(a) **Take effective measures to ensure that detainees enjoy the benefits of all fundamental safeguards in practice from the outset of their deprivation of liberty, in line with international standards, including, in particular: the right to receive legal assistance without delay and the right to receive such assistance free of charge if necessary; the right to request and obtain immediate access to an independent doctor, in addition to any medical examination that may be conducted at the authorities' behest; the right to be informed of the reasons for their detention and the nature of the charges against them in a language that they understand; the right to have their detention recorded in a register; the right to inform a family member or another person of their detention without delay; the right to challenge the legality of their detention before a court; and the right to be brought before a judge without delay;**

(b) **Strengthen its public defence agencies;**

(c) **Adopt the national legislation on detention registers envisaged under article 73 (XXIII) of the Constitution, which should be applied in all places of deprivation of liberty.**

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#### **Physical and psychological assessment of alleged torture victims**

27. **The Committee urges the State party to:**

(...)

(b) **Ensure that all physical and psychological assessments of alleged victims of torture are conducted in accordance with the principles, procedures and guidelines contained in the Manual on Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Istanbul Protocol), and that penalties are imposed in the event of irregularities;**

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#### **Follow-up procedure**

64. **The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 17 May 2020, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations contained in paragraphs 9 (a) and (b), 13, 15 and 27 (b).**

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