COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Seventy-fifth session

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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/UGA/CO/2)

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(...)
C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations
(...)
"Ungazzeted" or unauthorized places of detention

(...)

22. The Committee reiterates the recommendation contained in its previous concluding observations that the State party should abolish the use of "ungazetted" or unauthorized places of detention or "safe houses", and immediately provide information about all places of detention.4 The State party should also investigate and ensure the prosecution of officials involved in arbitrary detention and the operation of unauthorized detention places, and ensure that victims have access to adequate remedies.

(...)

Gender-based violence

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28. The State party should:

(a) Ensure that all cases of gender-based violence, especially those involving actions or omissions by State authorities or other entities that engage the international responsibility of the State party under the Convention, are thoroughly investigated, that the alleged perpetrators are prosecuted and, if convicted, punished appropriately, and that the victims or their families receive redress, including adequate compensation;

(...)

National human rights institution

(...)

51. The State party should:

(a) Strengthen the capacity of the Uganda Human Rights Commission to independently monitor, document and investigate cases of torture, and provide data about its investigation into cases of torture;

(...)

Follow-up procedure

52. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 25 November 2023, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on "ungazetted" or unauthorized places of detention, gender-based violence and the national human rights institution (see paras. 22, 28 (a) and 51 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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