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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the Committee against Torture, I have the honor to refer to the follow-up to the examination of the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Argentina, in accordance with the Guidelines for follow-up to concluding observations (CAT/C/55/3).

At the end of the 60th session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission, in which it welcomed the adoption of several constructive measures taken by the State party in the field of prevention of torture. The Committee's concluding observations (CAT/C/ARG/CO/5-6, para. 43) also requested the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 14 (a), 26 and 32 of the concluding observations.

On behalf of the Committee, allow me to express appreciation for your letter of 11 May 2018 providing your Government's response on the above-mentioned paragraphs (CAT/C/ARG/CO/5-6/Add.1) and to make the following comments:

Police violence (para. 14 (a))

The Committee appreciates the information provided by the State party with regard to the adoption of internal regulations and procedural protocols within criminal justice institutions, the existing mechanisms for receiving and investigating complaints within the prison system and the establishment of the Corruption Prevention and Integrity Testing Directorate at the Ministry of Security. However, the follow-up replies do not indicate whether the State party has taken any new specific measures to ensure the prompt, thorough and independent investigation of complaints of misuse and abuse of police authority. The Committee also takes note of the information provided regarding the judicial proceedings in connection with the acts of torture allegedly inflicted on Messrs. Ezequiel Villanueva and Ivan Navarro, and would appreciate receiving updated information concerning the final judgement (2/B2).

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National system for the prevention of torture (para. 26)

The Committee also appreciates the information provided regarding the national system for the prevention of torture and the establishment in 2017 of its governing body, the National Committee for the Prevention of Torture. Nevertheless, the Committee remains concerned by the fact that the State party has not reviewed the selection procedure for the appointment of its members in order to avoid potential conflicts of interest. In addition, the Committee takes note of the progress made in setting up local prevention mechanisms, but regrets the absence of information on the measures taken to provide them with the necessary resources to carry out their functions effectively (2/B1).

National register of cases of torture and ill-treatment (para. 32)

The Committee takes note of the provisions of Act No. 26827 relating to the functions of the newly established National Committee for the Prevention of Torture, which include the creation, implementation and coordination of a national register of cases of torture and ill-treatment. However, the follow-up report does not indicate whether such registry has already been established (1/B2).

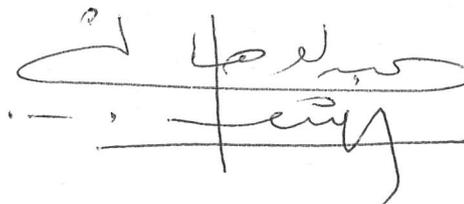
Implementation plans (para. 43)

The Committee regrets that the State party has not provided information about its plans for implementing, within the coming reporting period, some of all of the remaining recommendations included in its concluding observations (C).

The Government of Argentina is encouraged to provide additional information, if any, which may further contribute to the Committee's analysis of the progress made regarding the specific issues of concern. This additional information may be provided in any subsequent report by the State party pursuant to the Committee's request in its concluding observations on the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Argentina.

The Committee looks forward to a continued constructive dialogue with the authorities of Argentina on the implementation of the Convention.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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