

**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/ARG/CO/5-6)**

ARGENTINA

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C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

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Police violence

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14. The Committee urges the State party to adopt effective measures to:

(a) Investigate promptly, thoroughly and impartially all claims of murder, arbitrary detention, torture, harassment and police abuse and ensure that the alleged perpetrators and their superiors who knew, or should have known, that these acts were being committed are prosecuted and, if convicted, punished commensurately with the seriousness of their acts. The State should, in particular, ensure that genuine and impartial judicial proceedings are conducted in connection with the acts of torture inflicted on Ezequiel Villanueva and Iván Navarro;

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National system for the prevention of torture

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26. The Committee urges the State party to proceed with the formation of the National Committee for the Prevention of Torture and to ensure that its members are elected by means of a transparent and inclusive process, in accordance with the criteria for independence, gender balance, representativeness of the population, suitability and recognized capacity in various multidisciplinary areas, including the law and health care (see article 18 of the Optional Protocol and CAT/OP/12/5, paras. 17-20). To that end, the State party should refrain from appointing members who occupy positions that might give rise to conflicts of interest (CAT/OP/ARG/1, para. 16). The Committee also urges the State party to proceed with the process of setting up local mechanisms in conformity with the criteria set out above and to provide them with the necessary resources to carry out their functions.

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National register of cases of torture and ill-treatment

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32. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (see CAT/C/CR/33/1, para. 7 (e)) and urges the State party to establish an effective system for collecting statistical data at the national level, which should include information about complaints, investigations, prosecutions, trials and convictions in cases of torture or ill-treatment and also about the measures of redress, particularly compensation and rehabilitation, provided for victims. In setting up such a system, the State party should take advantage of the data collection and case registration work done by other bodies, such as the Prison System Ombudsman, the Buenos Aires Provincial Memory Commission and the Gino Germani Institute of Buenos Aires University.

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Follow-up procedure

43. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 12 May 2018, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations contained in paragraphs 14 (a), 26 and 32 above. 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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