

**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/RUS/CO/6)

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

(...)

C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

(...)

Investigation of acts of torture and ill-treatment

(...)

15. The State party should:

(a) **Promptly, effectively and impartially investigate all incidents and allegations of torture and ill-treatment, prosecute all those found to be responsible and report publicly on the outcome of such prosecutions;**

(b) **Refrain from dismissing complaints of torture and ill-treatment during the pre-investigative verification phase and ensure that investigators immediately open a formal and effective criminal investigation for all allegations of torture and ill-treatment, including in the case of Sergei Magnitsky;**

(c) **Strengthen the capacity of the subdivision of the Investigative Committee tasked with investigating crimes committed by law enforcement officials, including by ensuring unimpeded access to all places of detention as well as to evidence, and providing sufficient human and financial resources to enable the subdivision to effectively operate in all constituent entities of the State party;**

(d) **Collect and provide the Committee with disaggregated statistical data on the number of complaints received alleging torture and ill-treatment by law enforcement and other public officials, the number of complaints investigated by the State party and any prosecutions brought.**

Case of Yevgeny Makarov

(...)

17. The State party should ensure that the case of Yevgeny Makarov is promptly, impartially and effectively investigated and that the perpetrators, including those with command responsibilities and those who suppressed the video recording, are prosecuted and, if found responsible, punished with

appropriate penalties. The State party should also take all the necessary measures to protect Yevgeny Makarov and his lawyer, Irina Biryukova, against reprisals.

(...)

Human rights defenders and journalists

(...)

29. The State party should, as a matter of urgency:

(a) Ensure that human rights organizations can conduct their work and activities freely in the State party;

(b) Take measures to protect human rights defenders, lawyers and journalists from harassment and attacks, investigate all reported instances of such acts, prosecute and punish the perpetrators and guarantee redress, including effective remedies and adequate compensation, to victims and their families;

(c) Ensure that human rights defenders, journalists and lawyers are not subjected to reprisals, including administrative harassment, for their communication with or provision of information to the United Nations treaty bodies, including the Committee, as previously recommended (see CAT/C/RUS/CO/5, para. 12 (b)).

(...)

Follow-up procedure

54. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 10 August 2019, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on investigations of acts of torture and ill-treatment, the case of Yevgeny Makarov, and human rights defenders and journalists (see paras. 15, 17 and 29 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.

(...)
