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Your Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur for Follow-up on Concluding Observations of the United Nations Committee against Torture, I refer to the examination of the fifth periodic report of Israel (CAT/C/ISR/5) by this Committee, at its 57<sup>th</sup> session, held from 18 April to 13 May 2016. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CAT/C/ISR/CO/5) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. In paragraph 52 of those concluding observations, the Committee requested, pursuant to its rules of procedure, that the State party provide, within one year, by 13 May 2017, further information regarding areas of particular concern identified by the Committee in paragraphs 21, 23 (a), 25 (b) and 31 (b) (see extracts annexed).

The Committee has adopted a follow-up procedure to pursue issues that are serious, that can be accomplished by the State party in a one year period, and that are protective (see, doc. CAT/C/55/3).

The information sought by the Committee has not been provided yet, although more than one year has elapsed from the transmittal of the Committee's concluding observations. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government's responses on the matters, and as to when the information requested will be forthcoming. A Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Committee against Torture (cat@ohchr.org). Upon receipt of this information, the Committee will be able to assess whether further action is needed.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Israel on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this enquiry.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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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/ISR/CO/5)*

**ISRAEL**

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

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**Independent medical examinations of persons deprived of their liberty**

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**21. The State party should urgently take the measures necessary to guarantee in practice that physicians and other medical staff dealing with persons deprived of liberty duly document all signs and allegations of torture or ill-treatment and report them without delay to the appropriate authorities. It should also consider transferring responsibility for all types of health care of persons deprived of liberty to the Ministry of Health in order to ensure that medical staff can operate fully independently from the custodial authorities.**

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**Administrative detention and Incarceration of Unlawful Combatants Law**

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**23. The State party should:**

(...)

**(a) Urgently take the measures necessary to end the practice of administrative detention and ensure that all persons who are currently held in administrative detention are afforded all basic legal safeguards;**

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**Solitary confinement and other forms of isolation**

(...)

**25. The State party should:**

(...)

**(b) Put an immediate end and prohibit the use of solitary confinement and equivalent measures for juveniles and persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities;**

(...)

**Allegations of torture and ill-treatment**

(...)

**31. The State party should:**

(...)

**(b) Take effective measures with a view to ensuring that interrogation methods contrary to the Convention are not used under any circumstances and avoid the use of restraints during interrogation as much as possible or apply them, only if strictly regulated, as a measure of last resort, when less intrusive alternatives for control have failed and for the shortest possible time;**

(...)

**Follow-up procedure**

**52. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 13 May 2017, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on independent medical examinations of persons deprived of liberty, administrative detention, solitary confinement and other forms of isolation, and allegations of torture and ill-treatment (see paras. 21, 23 (a), 25 (b) and 31 (b) 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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