

**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/ETH/CO/2)

ETHIOPIA

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C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

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Allegations of war crimes and crimes against humanity in the context of the armed conflict

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15. The State party should:

(a) **Take appropriate measures to ensure the safety and security of the population affected by the conflict and to prevent violations of their human rights by any party to the conflict, including by ensuring full and unconditional humanitarian access to all conflict-affected areas;**

(b) **Conduct prompt, impartial and effective investigations into alleged violations of international human rights, humanitarian and refugee law committed in the context of the conflict in Tigray and surrounding areas, both by non-State and State actors, in order to identify, prosecute and punish those responsible, including superior officers and officials who knew or should have known about such acts but failed to take appropriate action to prevent them, and ensure that victims have access to effective remedies and full reparation;**

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Transitional justice

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19. The State party should:

(a) **Ensure that the transitional justice process under consultation is designed and implemented with the meaningful participation of conflict-affected populations, especially victims, their families, women and girls, members of ethnic minority groups, refugees and asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, other sections of civil society and members of the diaspora community. The Committee stresses that transitional justice mechanisms do not obviate the requirements for investigation and prosecution of those responsible for torture**

or other international crimes, and that the mechanisms ultimately adopted by the State party need to include provisions that ensure compliance with such requirements;

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Statistical data

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59. The State party should intensify its efforts to strengthen its capacity to compile, disaggregate and analyse statistical data relevant to the monitoring of the implementation of the Convention in a more targeted and coordinated manner, including with regard to complaints filed, investigations and prosecutions conducted and convictions handed down in cases of torture and ill-treatment, gender-based violence and trafficking in persons, as well as on remedies, including compensation and rehabilitation, provided to victims, and other matters on which such data were requested by the Committee in its list of issues.

Follow-up procedure

60. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 12 May 2024, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on allegations of war crimes and crimes against humanity in the context of the armed conflict; transitional justice; and statistical data (see paras. 15 (a) and (b), 19 (a) and 59 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 present concluding observations.

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