



**Optional Protocol to the
Convention against Torture
and Other Cruel, Inhuman
or Degrading Treatment
or Punishment**

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**Decision adopted by the Committee under article 22 of the
Convention, concerning communication No. 1202/2023^{* **}**

<i>Communication submitted by:</i>	D.G.
<i>Alleged victim:</i>	The complainant
<i>State party:</i>	Kazakhstan
<i>Date of complaint:</i>	13 May 2023 (initial submission)
<i>Substantive issue:</i>	Torture by police

1. The communication was submitted by Mr. D.G., national of Kazakhstan. He alleges that he was detained by police officers and taken to a police station, where he was subjected to physical and psychological pressure, including threats and violence, and forced to sign a statement confessing to the murder of a Russian national, X, under duress, amounting to a violation by the State party of his rights under articles 1, 2, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Convention. He is not represented by counsel.
2. On 22 November 2023, the communication was registered, and the State Party was requested to provide its observations of both the admissibility and the merits no later than 22 May 2024.
3. On 3 May 2024, the State party submitted its observations on the admissibility and merits of the case.
4. On 3 July 2025, the complainant was requested to submit his comments on the State party's submission no later than 3 September 2025. On 9 December 2025, the complainant was sent a final reminder to submit his comments on the State party's observations no later than 8 February 2026.
5. At its meeting on 17 April 2026, in view of the fact that the complainant did not submit his comments, and the Committee had no further means of contacting him, the Committee decided to discontinue its consideration of communication No. 1202/2023.

* Adopted by the Committee at its eighty-fourth session (13 April–1 May 2026).

** The following members of the Committee participated in the examination of the communication: Jorge Contesse, Lorena Gonzáles Pinto, Claude Heller, Erdogan Iscan, Peter Vedel Kessing, Liu Huawen, Maeda Naoko, Moulaye Abdallah, Ana Racu and Abderrazak Rouwane.