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Corrigendum

Paragraph 14 *should read*

Actions by the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office

14. During the period under review, UNJHRO continued to make frequent visits to prisons throughout the country, including joint visits with the Minister for Human Rights in some provinces, and documented crumbling cells, lack of food and medical care, corruption and unqualified prison staff. UNJHRO continued to carry out its awareness-raising activities and to promote the adoption of a law criminalizing torture. In the context of the celebration of the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture on 26 June 2009, UNJHRO organized a number of activities. Furthermore, in partnership with Avocats sans frontières (ASF), UNJHRO facilitates the implementation of decisions by the United Nations Trust Fund for Victims of Torture. In October 2009, in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice and the judicial authorities, UNJHRO organized a workshop on the theme “the judiciary and the problem of torture and death in prison”. At the workshop, participants asked the Procureur général de la République près la Cour suprême (Prosecutor General of the Republic to the Supreme Court) to draft a directive for the prosecutors on the need to effectively investigate cases of torture and death in custody. The directive is currently being developed with the assistance of UNJHRO. UNJHRO has actively continued to advocate for making prisons more self-sufficient.
