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and Other Cruel, Inhuman  
or Degrading Treatment  
or Punishment**

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**List of issues prior to the submission of the fourth periodic report of the  
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (CAT/C/VEN/4)\***

**Specific information on the implementation of articles 1 to 16  
of the Convention, including with regard to the Committee  
previous recommendations**

**Articles 1 and 4**

1. With reference to previous recommendations of the Committee (para. 10 (a)),\*\* please indicate if a definition of torture as a specific punishable offence has been adopted, in line with the requirements of articles 1 and 4 of the Convention. Has legislation on preventing and punishing torture been adopted, and if not, please explain the delay to enact legislation on punishing torture which should have occurred during the first year after the installation of the Constitution.

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\* The present list of issues was adopted by the Committee at its forty-fourth session, according to the new optional procedure established by the Committee at its thirty-eighth session, which consists in the preparation and adoption of lists of issues to be transmitted to States parties prior to the submission of their respective periodic report. The replies of the State party to this list of issues will constitute its report under article 19 of the Convention.

\*\* Paragraph numbers in brackets refer to the previous concluding observations adopted by the Committee, published under symbol CAT/C/CR/29/2.

**Article 2\*\*\***

2. Please provide information on measures taken by the State party to guarantee the rights of detained persons from the very outset of detention, including prompt access to legal counsel, medical examination by independent doctor and the right to inform family members. Please inform the committee of any restrictions that may be imposed on these rights and the reasons for such imposition. Please indicate whether all persons detained are registered from the outset of detention.
3. Please provide information on the absolute prohibition of torture, including orders from superiors that never can be invoked as a justification of torture, and indicate whether this is covered by a specific legal provision. Since more than 60 per cent of detainees are awaiting trial, please provide information about the maximum and the average length of detention on remand. Have measures been taken to reduce the delays in court proceedings and thus the number of detainees in prisons and detention centres awaiting sentence?
4. Please provide information on:
  - (a) Whether the State party has amended the law which allows the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and the Bolivarian National Militia, to participate in matters of domestic security.
  - (b) The mandate and functioning of the Council for Prevention and Citizen Security of the Ministry of the Interior, including on the deployment of police officers within the Citizen Security Plan, and whether they receive training on the provisions of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the absolute prohibition of torture.
  - (c) Please provide information about the mandate and the function of the Defensoría Especial de Asuntos Policiales.
5. The Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman has received the greatest number of complaints of torture with regard to the Scientific, Criminal and Criminalistic Investigations Corps (CICPC), where “torture remains one of the techniques used by some of the officers of this police agency to obtain testimony, confessions, or any other information helpful in casting light on an investigation”. Has CICPC been investigated in relation to these allegations and what specific measures has the State party taken to prevent CICPC from engaging in acts of torture?
6. Please provide information about the methods of work of forensic doctors and the safeguards put in place to guarantee that they can carry out their work in a completely independent manner.
7. What is the current constitutional regime regarding the “state of emergency” within the legal framework of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela?
8. What protection is provided for the work of defenders of victims of human rights violations against possible harassment or attacks? Please provide information whether there

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\*\*\* The issues raised under article 2 could also imply different articles of the Convention, including but not limited to article 16. As general comment No. 2, paragraph 3, states, “the obligation to prevent torture in article 2 is wide-ranging. The obligations to prevent torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (hereinafter “ill-treatment”) under article 16, paragraph 1, are indivisible, interdependent and interrelated. The obligation to prevent ill-treatment in practice overlaps with and is largely congruent with the obligation to prevent torture ... In practice, the definitional threshold between ill-treatment and torture is often not clear.” See further chapter V of the same general comment.

has been an investigation into the death of human rights defender Mijail Martinez, aged 24, on 26 November 2009, who is presumed to have been shot by two hired killers in the parking at his residence in Barquisimeto in the State of Lara, and what the outcome of that investigation was. At the time of his death, Mr. Martinez, an audiovisual producer, was working for the Committee of Victims against Impunity documenting cases of human rights abuse.

9. Please provide information on safeguards concerning criminal kidnappings for ransom in view of the statement of the director of CICPC that kidnappings had increased approximately 63 per cent in the course of 2009, averaging 2 abductions per 100,000 inhabitants and rising to 7.2 kidnappings per 100,000 inhabitants in states such as Barinas; in view of the 454 known cases of kidnapping in the first six months of 2009 and the fact that victims of this practice are often small-scale subsistence farmers (*campesinos*) and human rights defenders, as well as minors and students. Please explain the reported public perception of collaboration between police and kidnappers.

10. Has the State party established an independent monitoring mechanism to investigate violent incidents affecting indigenous peoples and Afro-descendants, as recommended by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination?

11. Please indicate the legislative and administrative measures taken to combat domestic and gender-based violence, as well as violence against children. Since the passing in 2007 of the Organic Act for the right of women to live a life free from violence, have the provisions such as article 395 of the Penal Code, which allow impunity for violent crimes committed against women when the offender marries the woman concerned, been repealed? What are the principal obstacles for the full implementation of the Act? In accordance with article 32 of the Organic Act, have shelters been built by national, state and local governments? Please provide information on specific measures carried out by the State party to educate the population on domestic violence and to ensure effective prevention thereof. According to the information before the Committee, sentences have been imposed in only one third of cases of violence against women. What specific measures are being taken to combat harassment and threats reportedly received by most of the women who try to combat this impunity? Please provide detailed information on the number of complaints, investigations, prosecutions, convictions and sentencing for violence against women and girls. Have more shelters and other support services have been provided to women apart from the two existing shelter homes and is there a provision for precautionary measures against perpetrators of domestic violence, provided for in the Violence against Women and the Family Act?

12. Is there a specific legal framework and structures to protect persons, and in particular children, from trafficking? Please provide detailed information on the number of complaints, investigations, prosecutions, convictions and sentencing for trafficking in persons. Please provide detailed information on the actions undertaken to combat trafficking in persons by the Public Prosecutor's Family Protection Directorate, the National Institutes for Women and Minors and the Interior and Justice Ministry's Crime Prevention Unit, and the results of their efforts.

### **Article 3**

13. How does the State party ensure that its obligations under article 3 of the Convention are fulfilled? Have internal regulations been adopted to facilitate the effective implementation of the refugee and migration laws and has training on refugee protection been provided to relevant Government officials and agencies, especially those working in border areas?

14. Please provide data, disaggregated by age, sex and nationality, on:
- (a) The number of asylum requests registered and approved;
  - (b) The number of applicants whose requests were granted because they had been tortured and/or might be tortured if they were returned to their country of origin;
  - (c) The number of forcible deportations (indicate how many of them involved rejected asylum-seekers) and the countries to which these persons were expelled.
15. Has the State party refused to expel, return or extradite any person on grounds that he/she would be in danger of being tortured? Please provide detailed information on these cases, including which States were involved. Does the State party rely on diplomatic assurances when extraditing detainees to other countries? If so, please indicate the number and circumstances, what level this takes place at and what post-return monitoring mechanisms have been put in place.

### **Articles 5, 7 and 8**

16. Does the State party exercise universal jurisdiction over persons responsible for acts of torture, wherever they occurred and regardless of the nationality of the perpetrator or victim? Please provide specific examples of texts of any decisions on the subject.
17. Please indicate whether Venezuelan courts have the power to bring proceedings against foreign nationals present in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela who are suspected of committing acts of torture abroad. Has the State party rejected, for any reason, any request for extradition by another State of an individual suspected of having committed an offence of torture, and has started prosecution proceedings as a result? Please provide information on the status and outcome of such proceedings.

### **Article 10**

18. With reference to previous recommendations of the Committee (para. 11 (d)), please provide information about any activities of education and promotion of human rights, particularly the prohibition of acts of torture, for law enforcement and medical personnel. Have any steps been taken to improve the judicial system and train judges and prosecutors, including on the provisions of the Convention against Torture, in order to speed up the administration of justice? Also, please provide specific information on the implementation of the Decree on the Reorganization of the Judiciary and the Penitentiary System (*Official Gazette* No. 36805, 1999).
19. In the light of the issuance by decree in April 2008 of the Organic Act on the Police Service and the National Police Force aimed at improving police accountability, please indicate what type of training the police have received under the new police system and whether it includes training on ways to detect and prevent torture and ill-treatment as required by the Convention against Torture. Has the new office of the Police Rector begun evaluating the performance of all police departments and what have been its results? Please indicate whether it has been provided with adequate financial and human resources. Also, please provide information about the mandate, competences and training of the Community Police Service.
20. Since only 3.6 per cent of police officers receive training and 70 per cent do not have procedural manuals, please provide detailed information about the training given to the police, the number of persons trained and the system of training evaluation used. Does the training also encompass international human rights standards, especially the absolute

prohibition of torture, and the notion of using force as a last resort, bearing in mind the principles of necessity and proportionality in maintaining public order? Does the State party envisage raising the general educational level of persons working for the police?

21. Please provide information about mandate and statutes of the Presidential Commission for the Prison Emergency set up after the President of the Republic decreed a Prison Emergency on 23 November 2004 and those of the Superior Prisons Council established on 15 December 2008 by Decree No. 6553. Have the Commission for Establishing Prison Policies and the Vice-Ministry of Prison Affairs been set up to date? Also, please provide information about the prosecutors' offices established by the Attorney General's Office to oversee compliance with the prisons regime, the provisions of the Constitution, the Organic Criminal Procedural Code, the Prison Regime Act and relevant international instruments. Please provide information on the cooperation and interaction of the institutions cited above. What is the status of implementation of the Venezuelan Prison System Humanization Plan?

22. With reference to previous recommendations of the Committee (para 11 (d)), regarding the continuation of activities of education in and promotion of human rights, particularly the absolute prohibition of torture for law enforcement and medical personnel, please provide information on programmes to train medical personnel and if the Manual on Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Istanbul Protocol) is part of this training? How many persons have followed such training, what are its outcomes and how are those persons assessed? Please provide information about the training of prison personnel and human rights delegates in prisons and detention centres, including training on the absolute prohibition of torture.

23. Has the State party provided adequate training to public officials, especially law enforcement personnel, the judiciary, health-care providers and social workers on the provisions of the Convention against Torture, especially on the absolute prohibition of torture, in order to familiarize them with applicable legal provisions and sensitize them to all forms of violence against women and to adequately respond to them.

24. Has the State party provided adequate training to Government agents regarding refugee and migration laws and protection, how many persons have followed such training, what are its outcomes and how are those persons assessed?

## **Article 11**

25. With reference to previous recommendations of the Committee (para. 11 (e)), please provide information on specific measures taken to improve the "deteriorated and insufficient" conditions of detention, such as "subhuman sanitary conditions", insufficient drinking water, bad food, and overcrowding. Does the State party exercise full control over the internal functioning of its penitentiary system or has it been exercised by inmates and criminal organizations? What specific measures has the State party taken to eradicate corruption among prison personnel? Which legal and other measures were implemented regarding the new penitentiary model aimed at humanizing the prison system throughout the country announced in 2008 by the Minister of Justice and President Chávez in January 2010 in the National Assembly? What is the role of the subcommission for the regulation of the penitentiary system established by the Commission for Interior Policies of the General Assembly? Please provide information on the status of the planned opening of 15 new prison communities with a view to reduce overcrowding.

26. Please provide information on the draft Organic Prison System Code that was prepared by the Subcommittee on Human Rights of the National Assembly.

27. Please indicate what measures have been taken to separate pretrial and preventive detention detainees from convicted detainees and to separate detainees convicted of minor offences from prisoners convicted of murder. Please provide information on the current situation of Judge María Lourdes Afiuni. What specific measures has the State party taken to safeguard Ms. Afiuni's right to life and to be free from torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment? What is the current status of her detention and the legal proceedings against her? Have measures been taken by security and law enforcement authorities to separate minors from adults in detention facilities? Please provide information about the work of the prisons commissions that were set up in several detention centres to undertake case reviews and the introduction of itinerant prosecutors and judges. Please provide information about the status of the Supreme Court decision concerning the 2005 amendment to the Penal Code denying persons convicted of certain crimes alternative ways to serve their sentences, thereby contributing to overcrowding in prisons and detention centres.

28. Please indicate whether the State party has kept under systematic review interrogation rules, instructions, methods and practices, as well as arrangements for the custody and treatment of persons subjected to any form of arrest, detention or imprisonment. Please provide information whether guards and other prison personnel were prosecuted with regard to: the uprising in Vista Hermosa prison in Bolívar State in August 2009 during which eight prisoners were killed and five injured; reports received by the Committee that in May 2009 guards left inmates in Los Teques prison naked for several hours during a search for weapons and guns during which 2 prisoners were shot and injured and 10 others injured; prosecution against member(s) of the National Guard who shot inmate Francisco Madrid in the head in March 2009 during protests in 11 different prisons. Please provide information about the violent confrontation on 4 May 2010 among prisoners at the Western Penitentiary Centre in the State of Tachira during which eight inmates are reported to have been killed, two of whom were burned to death and four killed with firearms. Have investigations and prosecutions been conducted in relation to this failure to ensure security in prison, given that several inmates died in riots in the same prison on 12 April 2010, and what was the outcome thereof? Please provide information on reports received by the Committee that criminal organizations are in possession of large-calibre weapons in several prisons in the State party.

29. Please provide the following statistics with regard to the Venezuelan prison population:

- (a) Percentage of the prison population which is of indigenous or Afro-Venezuelan origin;
- (b) Number of pretrial and preventive detainees;
- (c) Number of women in detention and for what crimes;
- (d) Number of juvenile detainees and for what crimes;
- (e) Proportion of the national budget allocated for the penitentiary system.

### **Articles 12 and 13**

30. It has been alleged that police are seen to be among the fundamental causes of the problem of insecurity. The Public Defender's Office reported in August 2009 that allegations of torture by the police had increased by 10 per cent during 2008 and, according to figures provided by the Ministry of the Interior and Justice, 20 per cent of the crimes in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela are committed by the police themselves. In the light of the Committee's previous recommendations, please provide statistical data on and

indicate what specific measures have been undertaken by the State party in order to address numerous complaints with regard to torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, abuse of authority and arbitrary acts committed by police, as well as on related investigations, prosecutions, convictions and sentencing. Has the State party taken action against agents of other State security bodies alleged to have been involved in acts of torture? Is there an independent oversight mechanism to monitor the situation? Also, with reference to previous recommendations of the Committee, please indicate whether there is adequate protection for witnesses and victims regarding threats to and harassment of persons who bring complaints of ill-treatment against police officers, so that such persons do not fear reprisals.

31. Please provide information on the investigation of attacks on religious communities, institutions and leaders and whether anyone has been charged or prosecuted for those attacks, including the attack on the Tiferet Israel synagogue in the Maripérez district of Caracas on 30 January 2009, whose perpetrators allegedly included active police officers, or the attacks against the Apostolic Nunciature on 22 January 2009 and the second attack perpetrated against the same office on 3 February 2009, for which the group “La Piedrita” reportedly took credit. Have the 11 persons who were arrested, including the bodyguard to a rabbi at the synagogue and eight intelligence officers, been brought to trial? What is the outcome of the charges brought on 6 February 2009 by the Attorney General? Have any arrests been made in connection with the grenade attack on the Beth Shmuel synagogue on 26 February 2009? Has there been a reduction in the infiltration of organized crime structures and other violent groups into the security institutions, including with regard to the use of their resources? What investigations have been undertaken thereon and with what result? Has any action been taken against the “La Piedrita” group? Please provide detailed information about groups such as the “La Piedrita” and “Circulos Bolivarianos”.

32. Please provide information on:

(a) Whether abuses by the National Guard and other and military forces during domestic security operations been investigated and what are the results. Please further provide information on the excessive use of force by the police on 12 March 2010 against a workers’ march in the city of Maracay, in the state of Aragua and the alleged arbitrary detention of a number of persons on that occasion. Please provide information on the outcome of the investigation into the killing in 2008 of Aragua state trade union leaders Richard Gallardo, José Requena and Luis Hernández. In addition, please provide information on the results of the investigation into the death on 25 April 2010 of trade union leader Jerry Díaz from the Manpa-Higiénicos company in the state of Aragua;

(b) The results of State inspection operations aimed at monitoring police actions;

(c) The number and outcome of cases of torture opened at the various prosecutors’ offices, and which cases were followed up through the Monitoring Plan for Cases Involving Violations of Basic Rights of the Attorney General’s Office.

33. With reference to previous recommendations of the Committee (para. 11 (b)), please provide information on measures taken to ensure immediate and impartial investigation of all cases of complaints of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and whether any concerned agents were suspended from their duties during these investigations. Also, please provide detailed information on the number of complaints, investigations, prosecutions, convictions and sentencing regarding extrajudicial killings and forced disappearances alleged to have been perpetrated by state and municipal police forces.

34. Please provide updated information about the number and type of complaints received by the toll-free confidential telephone service for women (0800Mujeres), as well as the number of complaints, investigations, prosecutions, convictions and sentences handed down in cases processed by courts for violence against women. Please indicate

whether measures have been taken to establish a central database on acts of violence against women.

35. Please provide details about the following information received by the Committee:

(a) Four deaths resulting from torture were reported in 2007, according to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Please clarify whether they have been investigated, what the results were and whether the relevant perpetrators been brought to justice?

(b) The outcome of the trial of four police officers for the crime of aggravated homicide relating to the killing of two brothers on 29 April 2009, killed on the old El Tostado road in the Jalaito sector of Pavia, allegedly in a confrontation with the police, whose bodies were found with signs of torture, scrapped knees and several gunshot wounds;

(c) The outcome of the case involving 10 officers of the Lara State Armed Police Force who were accused by the Attorney General's Office in 2008 in connection with the killing of six persons, four of whom were minors, and against whom they, inter alia, perpetrated "the crimes of torture and immoral physical abuse [...] and breaches of international pacts and treaties";

(d) The investigation into the 87 cases of torture in 2008 reported to the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman.

(e) Whether any investigations have been conducted in the context of the detention and alleged mistreatment during a hunger strike of some 90 workers in the education sector on 31 October 2009 reportedly by members of the Bolivarian National Guard;

(f) Whether investigations have been conducted against the personnel of the Dirección General Sectorial de los Servicios de Inteligencia y Prevención (DISIP), for torturing Ms. Mairin Antonia Carolina Delgado Guedez and have they been prosecuted as a result and with what the outcome was.

36. Please provide specific information on the numbers of complaints, investigations, prosecutions, convictions and sentencing regarding attacks against human rights defenders, in particular when they are alleged to have been committed by agents of the State. Also, please provide information on the worsening attacks against human rights defenders, especially against activists who turn for protection to the Inter-American system for the protection of human rights.

37. Please provide detailed information about the investigation of the large number of deaths in custody, given that some 2.2 per cent of all prison inmates are killed by acts of violence. In particular, please provide information on the results of any investigation into the alleged suicide in prison on 19 April 2010 of boxing champion Edwin Valero, and clarify the terms of his earlier release from a rehabilitation centre where he was undergoing treatment for alcohol problems. Please list specific measures taken by prison authorities to prevent suicide and other types of death in detention. With reference to the Committee's previous recommendations, please provide information on the administrative and judicial action taken with regard to prisoner-on-prisoner violence and violence against prisoners by prison officers, which have led to serious injuries and, in some cases, death.

38. With reference to previous recommendations of the Committee (para. 12), please provide statistical data disaggregated by nationality, age and gender of the victims and an indication of the services to which the persons accused belong, with regard to cases under the Convention brought before domestic bodies, including the results of the investigations carried out and the consequences for the victims in terms of redress and compensation.



With reference to the Committee's previous recommendations (para. 10 (d)), please provide detailed information on the number of complaints, investigations, prosecutions, convictions and sentencing with regard to documented attacks against them, as well as in relation to such offences such as abductions/kidnappings and contract killings.

#### **Article 14**

39. With reference to previous recommendations of the Committee (para. 11 (c)), please provide information on whether accessible, institutionalized procedures and legislation have been put in place to ensure the right of victims of torture and other types of abuse at the hands of State agents to obtain redress and fair and adequate compensation. Please provide exact details regarding civil law jurisdiction for victims of torture. Also, please provide information on the number of cases brought, the crimes committed and the amounts of compensation provided.

40. Please provide information on the comprehensive restructuring of the judiciary decided on 18 March 2009 by the Plenary of the Supreme Court of Justice in order to combat what the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has called "corruption, insecurity and impunity", given that this is the third restructuring of the judiciary in the past ten years. Has the process started and when is it expected to be completed? Please explain how the guarantees of independence of judges and tenure of judges in their positions have been strengthened. Please provide information on any safeguards against interference in the administration of justice from the executive and legislative branches and any other stakeholders, and against the politicization of the judiciary. Please explain how the Organic Law of the Supreme Court (Ley Orgánica del Tribunal Supremo de Justicia) provides safeguards against interference from other branches and ensures security of tenure of judges and prosecutors.

#### **Article 15**

41. Has the State party enacted legislation to incorporate the exclusion of any evidence obtained under torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment? What procedures are in place to ensure the implementation of safeguards in the Constitution which ban obtaining confessions by torture? Please provide information of any case where evidence has been held inadmissible for these reasons.

#### **Article 16**

42. Please provide detailed information on:

- (a) The number of complaints, investigations, prosecutions, convictions and sentencing for violence against children and adolescents;
- (b) The adoption of a comprehensive national plan of action for children in order to enhance protection, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child;
- (c) The establishment of the presence of Defensoría del Pueblo in every municipality, as also recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child;
- (d) The extending to all parts of the country of the Action Plan for children living in the streets;
- (e) The bringing of the system of juvenile justice in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other juvenile justice standards;

(f) Measures taken by the State party to ensure that all children victims and or witnesses of crimes, e.g. children victims of abuse, domestic violence, sexual and economic exploitation, abduction and trafficking, are protected in accordance with the Guidelines on Justice in Matters involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime (outlined in Economic and Social Council resolution 2005/20 of 22 July 2005);

(g) Measures taken by the State party to implement the recommendations of the Secretary-General's study on violence against children.

43. With reference to previous recommendations of the Committee (para. 10 (c)), please provide information about specific safeguards introduced by the State party to ensure that workers and trade union activists and leaders can freely exercise their labour rights without fear of being subjected to violence, including assassination, by members of police and other security forces. Have charges been brought and with which outcome against the policeman who killed labour leader Manuel Felipe Araujo Fuenmayor on 17 February 2009 by striking him in the head with an iron bar, as well as against the members of the State of Anzoategui who on 29 January 2009 killed workers José Javier Marcano Hurtado and Pedro Jesus Polito? Please explain why, out of 52 assassinations of labour leaders between 1997 and 2007, the perpetrators of only 3 killings have been brought to justice. What specific measures has the State party taken to combat impunity? What sanctions are foreseen in law for the excessive use of force by the police and other agents with security functions? What safeguards has the State party put in place against acts of mob violence against persons participating in peaceful demonstrations, including those reportedly perpetrated by sympathizers of the Government, such as the incident in Plaza Altamira in Caracas where the mob threw rocks and bottles first and then a band of armed men on motorcycles started shooting at the crowd? Has the State party conducted investigations into and prosecuted perpetrators of such acts?

44. In view of the outbursts of serious conflict arising from disputes concerning land ownership rights between indigenous communities, campesinos and cattle ranchers and in the light of allegations that landholding ranchers may have received the support of the Army and members of the National Guard, please provide information on the outcome of investigations by the Attorney General's office into the numerous allegations of corruption, excessive use of force and ill-treatment by the Army. Please provide specific information on the repression and intimidation allegedly perpetrated in 2008 with the support of members of the National Guard against members of the Yukpa, Chaktapa and Guamo communities. Since article 119 of the Venezuelan Constitution establishes the obligation of the State, with participation from indigenous peoples, to demarcate and respect the right to the collective property of their lands, which shall be deemed indefeasible, inalienable and unassignable, please explain the delay in the demarcation process.

### **Other issues**

45. Please provide updated information on measures taken by the State party to respond to any threats of terrorism and please describe if, and how, these anti-terrorism measures have affected human rights safeguards in law and practice and how it has ensured that those measures comply with all its obligations under international law, especially the Convention, in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution 1624 (2005). Please describe the relevant training given to law enforcement officers; the number and types of persons convicted under such legislation; the legal safeguards and remedies available to persons subjected to anti-terrorist measures in law and in practice; whether there are complaints of non-observance of international standards; and the outcome of these complaints.

**General information on the national human rights situation, including new measures and developments relating to the implementation of the Convention**

46. Please provide detailed information on the relevant new developments on the legal and institutional framework within which human rights are promoted and protected at the national level, that have occurred since the third report, including any relevant jurisprudential decisions.

47. Please provide detailed relevant information on the new political, administrative and other measures taken to promote and protect human rights at the national level, that have occurred since the third periodic report, including on any national human rights plans or programmes, and the resources allocated thereto, their means, objectives and results.

48. Please provide any other information on new measures and developments undertaken to implement the Convention and the Committee's recommendations, since the consideration of the last report in 2002, including the necessary statistical data, as well as on any events that occurred in the State party and are relevant under the Convention.

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