



Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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Decisions adopted by the Committee against Torture at its fifty-sixth session (9 November-9 December 2015)

1. At its fifty-sixth session, held from 9 November to 9 December 2015, the Committee against Torture adopted the provisional agenda (CAT/C/56/1) and programme of work for that session.
2. The Committee discussed and adopted with some changes the draft document entitled “Practical modalities and criteria for deciding on follow-up visits to inquiry missions carried out under article 20 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment”. The Committee decided that the adopted document should be made available as a restricted document, in the working languages of the Committee, prior to its fifty-seventh session.
3. The Committee also decided:
 - (a) To revise its general comment No. 1 (1998) on the implementation of article 3 of the Convention and to entrust Committee members Essadia Belmir, Alessio Bruni and Felice Gaer with preparing a revised general comment. In that context, the Committee decided that those Committee members would prepare a list of topics to be covered in the new draft general comment, to be translated into the working languages of the Committee and to be made available as a restricted document for consideration at the fifty-seventh session;
 - (b) To entrust the Rapporteur of the Committee with preparing the Committee’s annual report, to be translated in the working languages of the Committee and to be made available as a restricted document for consideration and adoption at the fifty-seventh session;
 - (c) That any draft document relating to its activities under the Convention and requiring discussion and adoption by the Committee, including any document related to reporting (such as draft concluding observations, draft lists of issues and draft lists of issues prior to reporting), individual complaints, the inquiry procedure, legal interpretations (such as draft general comments) and working and other matters (such as draft annual reports, draft rules of procedure and draft guidelines) should be translated into the working languages of the Committee.

