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# Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

**Report of the Secretary-General** 

Summary

The present note provides information on the status of the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, including on its critical financial situation.





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# I. Introduction

### A. Submission of the report

1. The present note was prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/163, in which the Assembly encouraged contributions to the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Human Rights Council on the operations of the Special Fund. The present report covers the activities of the Special Fund between 1 January and 30 November 2018.

### B. Mandate of the Special Fund

2. The Special Fund was established pursuant to article 26 of the Optional Protocol to help finance the implementation of the recommendations made by the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment following a visit to a State party to the Optional Protocol, and to finance educational programmes of national preventive mechanisms.

3. The Special Fund receives voluntary earmarked contributions from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other private or public entities.

### C. Management of the Special Fund

4. The Special Fund is administered by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

### D. Eligibility criteria

5. Applications may be submitted by State institutions of States parties to the Optional Protocol visited by the Subcommittee and their national preventive mechanisms that have agreed to the publication of the Subcommittee report. Applications may also be submitted by national human rights institutions compliant with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (Paris Principles) and by non-governmental organizations if the proposed projects are to be implemented in cooperation with eligible States parties and/or national preventive mechanisms. Only applications relating to recommendations on the establishment or effective functioning of national preventive mechanisms contained in visit reports of the Subcommittee that have been published in accordance with article 16, paragraph 2, of the Optional Protocol, and hence are no longer confidential, may be considered.

## II. Activities of the Special Fund

### A. 2019 project cycle

6. The seventh call for applications to the Special Fund, for grants for projects to be implemented in 2019, closed on 1 March 2018. According to the above-mentioned eligibility criteria, projects concerning 24 eligible States and their national preventive mechanisms (Argentina, Armenia, Benin, Brazil, Chile, Cyprus, Gabon, Germany, Honduras, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Sweden, Togo and Ukraine) and three eligible national preventive mechanisms (Ecuador, Senegal, Tunisia) could have been

submitted. Applicants could have requested grants of up to \$25,000 for project activities to be implemented between 1 January and 31 December 2019.

7. A total of 28 applications were received concerning 16 eligible States (Argentina, Armenia, Benin, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Gabon, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Paraguay, Togo and Senegal). In accordance with the guidelines for applications, the secretariat of the Special Fund conducted an extensive evaluation of the project proposals received by the deadline, in consultation with the OHCHR field and regional offices and the country rapporteurs of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture. The Subcommittee's working group on the Special Fund and capacity-building reviewed the substantive part of the project proposals and recommended 13 projects for grants during its session in June 2018. Following a review by the OHCHR Grants Committee, 13 grants were awarded to projects aimed at implementing recommendations made by the Subcommittee focusing on the establishment or strengthening of national preventive mechanisms in 12 eligible States (Armenia, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, Chile, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Togo and Ukraine) for a total of \$299,636.00 (see annex).

8. Since its first call for applications for projects to be implemented in 2012, the Fund has supported 59 technical cooperation projects in 17 countries worldwide. Those projects have resulted in legislative changes, such as bringing laws into line with international human rights standards on torture prevention (including revised codes of criminal procedure, prison acts, laws prohibiting abusive body searches for persons deprived of their liberty), as well as laws seeking to establish national preventive mechanisms on torture; institutional changes, such as establishing or strengthening the effective functioning of national preventive mechanisms on torture or other relevant institutions; the establishment of registers of detainees; operational changes, enhancing the knowledge and skills of the judiciary and law enforcement and medical personnel; and changes to people's lives, including in one case a reported decrease of violence against children in detention facilities.

9. As regards strengthening the functioning of national preventive mechanisms on torture, the projects have contributed to the improved knowledge and capacity of members and staff of the mechanisms in monitoring places of detention (through training, study visits to other mechanisms, elaboration of internal rules and methodologies, the production of manuals and the development of interview protocols and guidelines); to the enhanced visibility of national preventive mechanisms (through improved annual reports, their translation into national languages, radio emissions, brochures and posters); to the improved monitoring capacity of national preventive mechanisms through the purchase of technical equipment (for example, cameras and equipment to measure the size and humidity of cells); to enhanced collaboration with stakeholders (professional groups, prosecutors, the judiciary, the police, lawyers and civil society); to the improved protection of specific populations (women, persons with disabilities, children and persons with HIV/AIDS) through better monitoring; and to the improved monitoring of specific institutions or issues (psychiatric hospitals, health systems in places of detention) through training and capacitybuilding.1

10. The projects addressed gaps and needs in torture prevention, identified by the Subcommittee on the ground, and were instrumental in implementing the Subcommittee's recommendations. The Special Fund uniquely links the recommendations of an independent treaty-based expert committee to work on the ground and can serve as an incentive for publication of the Subcommittee's visit reports.

### **B.** Other activities of the Fund

11. Given the focus of the Fund on the establishment and strengthening of the national preventive mechanisms, and in response to increasing demand from the field, OHCHR has developed a practical guide entitled "Preventing torture: the role of national preventive

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Information from the final reports on the implementation of projects submitted to the secretariat of the Special Fund by the grantees.

mechanisms".<sup>2</sup> The guide was prepared in close collaboration with Subcommittee experts and OHCHR field officers experienced in supporting the establishment of or assisting in strengthening national preventive mechanisms on the ground. The guide also reflects good practices of projects supported by grants from the Special Fund. It is intended to assist both the authorities in States planning to establish or seeking to strengthen their national preventive mechanisms and the staff of national preventive mechanisms themselves. It is also expected to be a useful tool for experts and professionals involved in preventing and combating torture, civil society organizations and the general public.

12. The guide was launched during a meeting with Member States on 21 June 2018 in Geneva. The Director of the Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division and the Chair of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture presented the guide as a practical tool for improving the work of national preventive mechanisms and ensuring their effective functioning and compliance with the Optional Protocol. They also referred to the projects supported by the Special Fund, highlighting their real impact on torture prevention on the ground, and encouraged further contributions to enable the Fund to carry out its unique and important work.

# III. Financial situation of the Special Fund

13. The Special Fund is the only functional fund established by an international human rights treaty. Since its creation in 2012, the Fund has supported a total of 49 projects for a total amount of \$1,558,036 in 17 States across four regions.

14. The activities of the Fund should be commensurate with the growth of the activities of the Subcommittee, which have resulted in an expanding number of States eligible for the Fund: in 2015 there were 13, in 2017, 22 and in 2018, there are 37 overall. That trend is expected to continue while countries are encouraged to ratify the Optional Protocol and to accept the publication of the Subcommittee's visit reports.

15. The minimum required on an annual basis to guarantee its functioning would be some \$500,000, which would enable the Fund to support an average of 10–20 projects per year, with a reasonable level of funding per project (for example, \$25,000). The increased number of donors and contributions (see the table below) attests to the importance that States give to torture prevention. However, sustainable support and contributions are necessary to launch and implement further calls for applications.

| Donor                        | Amount (United States dollars) | Date of receipt   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Argentina                    | \$3 500                        | 9 March 2018      |
| Germany                      | \$73 619                       | 15 February 2018  |
| Germany                      | \$46 620                       | 24 September 2018 |
| France                       | \$24 539                       | 7 March 2018      |
| Total contributions received | \$148 281                      |                   |

Contributions to the Special Fund (1 January-31 December 2018)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The guide is available on the OHCHR website at www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/ NPM\_Guide\_EN.pdf.

| Donor                  | Amount (United States dollars) | Date of receipt   |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Norway                 | \$120 000                      | 23 September 2018 |
| Denmark                | \$152 000                      | 9 November 2018   |
| Czechia                | \$9 164                        | 9 November 2018   |
| Total pledges received | \$281 164                      |                   |

Pledges to the Special Fund (1 January–31 December 2018)

### **IV.** Making a contribution

16. Contributions to the Special Fund may be accepted from Governments, intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations, private sector organizations and the public at large, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations. Only funds earmarked for the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment will be channelled to the Fund.

17. Contributions to the Special Fund should always be marked "Payee: Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, account CH". Payments may be made:

(a) By bank transfer in United States dollars, to the UNOG General Fund, account No. 485001802, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, 270 Park Avenue, 43rd floor, New York, NY 10017, United States of America (Swift code: CHAS US 33; bank number: (ABA) 021000021;

(b) By bank transfer in euros, to the United Nations Office at Geneva, account No. 6161600934, J.P. Morgan Chase AG, Grueneburgweg 2 – 60322 Frankfurt am Main, Germany (Swift code: CHAS DE FX, bank number: (BLZ) 50110800, IBAN: DE78 5011 0800 6161 6009 34);

(c) By bank transfer in pounds sterling, to the United Nations Office at Geneva, account No. 23961903, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, 25 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AJ, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Swift code: CHAS GB 2L, bank number: (SC) 609242, IBAN: GB68 CHAS 6092 4223 9619 03);

(d) By bank transfer in Swiss francs, to the United Nations Geneva General Fund, account No. 240-C0590160.0, UBS AG, rue du Rhône 8, case postale 2600, CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland (Swift code: UBSW CH ZH 80A; bank number: 240; IBAN: CH92 0024 0240 C059 0160 0);

(e) By bank transfer in other currencies, to the United Nations Geneva General Fund, account No. 240-C0590160.1, UBS AG, rue du Rhône 8, case postale 2600, CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland (Swift code: UBSW CH ZH 80A; bank number: 240; IBAN: CH65 0024 0240 C059 0160 1);

(f) Or by cheque, payable to the United Nations, addressed to the Treasury, United Nations, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland.

18. Donors are requested to inform the Donor and External Relations Section of OHCHR when a payment has been made (including a copy of the bank transfer order or of the cheque) to facilitate effective follow-up to the official recording procedure and preparation of reports of the Secretary-General.

### V. Conclusions and recommendations

19. The Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment is a unique mechanism of torture prevention and the only operational fund established

by an international human rights treaty. Its support to national preventive mechanisms, the establishment of which is a core obligation under the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture can be a key in preventing torture at the national level.

20. The minimum required on an annual basis to guarantee a functioning Fund is \$500,000, which enables the Fund to support an average of 20 projects per year, with a reasonable level of funding per project (\$25,000).

21. The Secretary-General appreciates contributions provided to the Special Fund as well as the growing interest of Member States in the activities of the Fund. The contributions should be commensurate with the growing number of eligible countries and the potential for supporting the establishment or strengthening of national preventive mechanisms in those countries. The Secretary-General encourages Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other private or public entities to continue providing sustained financial support to this important mechanism of torture prevention.

## Annex

Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment: projects approved by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Grants Committee since the establishment of the Fund

|    | State     | Project summary  | Implementing entity  | Year of<br>project | Grant amount<br>(United States dollars) |
|----|-----------|--|--|--------------------|---|
| 1. | Armenia   | Strengthening of the national preventive mechanism   | Penal Reform International   | 2016               | 25 000.00                               |
| 2. | Armenia   | Enhancing the capacity of national<br>preventive mechanism members<br>through training session and<br>equipment, increasing awareness of<br>the mandate  | Human Rights Defender of<br>Armenia  | 2018               | 24 985.00                               |
| 3. | Armenia   | Raising awareness of the national<br>preventive mechanism,<br>strengthening the skills of the staff<br>on visit methodology  | Human Rights Defender of<br>Armenia  | 2019               | 23 160.00                               |
| 4. | Argentina | Legal reform to assist the<br>establishment of the national<br>preventive mechanism in Tucumán<br>and training of judges, penitentiary<br>officers and social workers on the<br>rights of detainees  | Abogados y Abogadas del<br>Noroeste Argentino en Derechos<br>Humanos y Estudios Sociales   | 2015               | 35 000.00                               |
| 5. | Argentina | Data collection regarding violence<br>in contexts of confinement;<br>elaboration of a manual for prison<br>staff; offering training to the<br>penitentiary authorities; carrying<br>out of public events to strengthen<br>the local preventive mechanism | Xumek  | 2018               | 25 000.00                               |
| 6. | Argentina | Improving the capacity of the<br>national preventive mechanism in<br>monitoring medical care and the<br>health of persons deprived of their<br>liberty   | Procuración Penitenciaria de la<br>Nación  | 2018               | 25 000.00                               |
| 7. | Benin     | Implementation of the<br>recommendations of the<br>Subcommittee on Prevention of<br>Torture concerning the protection<br>of children deprived of their liberty   | World Organization against<br>Torture (non-governmental<br>organization) in partnership with<br>Enfants solidaires d'Afrique et du<br>monde (local non-governmental<br>organization) | 2012               | 19 539.00                               |

|     | State  | Project summary   | Implementing entity  | Year of<br>project | Grant amount<br>(United States dollars) |
|-----|--------|---|--|--------------------|---|
| 8.  | Benin  | Implementation of Subcommittee<br>recommendations concerning the<br>protection of children deprived of<br>their liberty in Benin  | World Organization against<br>Torture (non-governmental<br>organization) in partnership with<br>Enfants solidaires d'Afrique et du<br>monde (local non-governmental<br>organization) | 2013               | 44 428.00                               |
| 9.  | Benin  | Informing detainees of their<br>fundamental rights and reducing<br>overpopulation in places of<br>detention through improved<br>identification of cases of arbitrary<br>detention by State actors and civil<br>society  | International Federation of<br>Action by Christians for the<br>Abolition of Torture  | 2014               | 35 000.00                               |
| 10. | Benin  | Improving detention conditions of<br>children deprived of their liberty in<br>penitentiary institutions as well as<br>in police and gendarmerie<br>facilities. Training of juvenile<br>justice judges to be recruited for<br>the newly established child-<br>friendly courts as provided by the<br>revised Children's Code            | World Organization against<br>Torture (non-governmental<br>organization)   | 2016               | 15 820.00                               |
| 11. | Benin  | Advocacy and road map for the<br>establishment of a national<br>preventive mechanism in Benin   | Changement social Bénin  | 2019               | 19 884.00                               |
| 12. | Brazil | Implementation of Subcommittee<br>recommendations concerning the<br>protection of children deprived of<br>their liberty in Brazil   | World Organization against<br>Torture (non-governmental<br>organization) in partnership with<br>Justiça Global (local non-<br>governmental organization)                             | 2014               | 34 802.00                               |
| 13. | Brazil | Supporting the Rio de Janeiro<br>preventive mechanism and<br>promoting the establishment of<br>torture preventive mechanisms in<br>other states of Brazil   | Justiça Global (in partnership<br>with the Rio de Janeiro<br>preventive mechanism)   | 2015               | 35 000.00                               |
| 14. | Brazil | Supporting the work of the federal<br>preventive mechanism and<br>advocating for the establishment of<br>state preventive mechanisms in São<br>Paolo and Maranhão   | Associaçao Direitos Humanos em<br>Rede (Conectas)  | 2016               | 25 000.00                               |
| 15. | Brazil | Generating recommendations to the<br>National Justice Council; the São<br>Paulo Public Security Department;<br>organizing a workshop for legal<br>practitioners about torture against<br>women and their particular<br>vulnerabilities; preparing an<br>advocacy strategy for the<br>establishment of a local preventive<br>mechanism | Conectas Human Rights  | 2018               | 25 000.00                               |

|     | State    | Project summary  | Implementing entity  | Year of<br>project | Grant amount<br>(United States dollars) |
|-----|----------|--|--|--------------------|---|
| 16. | Brazil   | Building the capacity of the key<br>actors in Brazil, and in particular in<br>the States of Rio de Janeiro and<br>Santa Catarina. Delivering<br>training-of-trainers seminars on the<br>Istanbul Protocol, Working with<br>the national preventive mechanism<br>and local preventive mechanisms<br>in developing advocacy and<br>knowledge dissemination<br>programme                          | International Bar Association  | 2018               | 24 927.00                               |
| 17. | Brazil   | Increasing the understanding and<br>cooperation among preventive<br>mechanisms, law enforcement<br>agencies, and civil society<br>organizations working on juvenile<br>justice; increasing visibility for the<br>torture prevention environment in<br>Brazil   | World Organization against<br>Torture  | 2018               | 25 000.00                               |
| 18. | Brazil   | Improving the communication<br>between the national preventive<br>mechanism and the authorities,<br>civil society organizations and<br>human rights institutions   | Instituto Veredas  | 2019               | 25 000.00                               |
| 19. | Chile    | Development of interview<br>protocols and guidelines for<br>monitoring torture with a gender<br>perspective; conduct of seminars<br>and trainings  | Fundación 1367, Casa Memoria<br>José Domingo Cañas   | 2019               | 24 571.00                               |
| 20. | Ecuador  | Strengthening the multidisciplinary<br>team for visits by the national<br>preventive mechanism; raising<br>awareness about the mandate of the<br>mechanism; increasing the<br>accessibility of places of<br>deprivation of liberty for visits by<br>the national preventive mechanism;<br>ameliorating the visibility of the<br>mechanism and the dialogue with<br>civil society organizations | Prevención de la Tortura, Tratos<br>Crueles, Inhumanos y   | 2019               | 25 000.00                               |
| 21. | Honduras | Training for prison staff on human<br>rights standards and prevention of<br>torture  | Ministry of Justice and Human<br>Rights  | 2012               | 20 000.00                               |
| 22. | Honduras | Technical support to the national<br>preventive mechanism in Honduras<br>and training for judges, prosecutors<br>and public defenders  | Regional Office for Latin<br>America of the Association for<br>the Prevention of Torture<br>(non-governmental organization)<br>in Panama | 2012               | 14 847.00                               |

|     | State      | Project summary   | Implementing entity  | Year of<br>project | Grant amount<br>(United States dollars) |
|-----|------------|---|--|--------------------|---|
| 23. | Honduras   | Legal reform and support to the<br>national preventive mechanism in<br>Honduras   | Regional Office for Latin<br>America of the Association for<br>the Prevention of Torture (non-<br>governmental organization) in<br>Panama    | 2013               | 30 325.00                               |
| 24. | Honduras   | Training on the rights and duties of persons deprived of liberty  | National Committee for the<br>Prevention of Torture (national<br>preventive mechanism)   | 2014               | 35 000.00                               |
| 25. | Honduras   | Supporting the national preventive<br>mechanism of Honduras in<br>effectively implementing<br>Subcommittee recommendations  | Regional Office for Latin<br>America of the Association for<br>the Prevention of Torture<br>(non-governmental organization)<br>in Panama     | 2015               | 34 966.65                               |
| 26. | Honduras   | Training of justice operators and students on the Istanbul Protocol   | Centro de Prevención,<br>Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de<br>la Victimas de la Tortura y sus<br>Familiares (non-governmental<br>organization) | 2015               | 34 995.05                               |
| 27. | Honduras   | Drafting law to amend the existing<br>law on the national preventive<br>mechanism and lobbying for its<br>adoption; increasing the technical<br>capacity of staff of the national<br>preventive mechanism; and<br>creating manuals on monitoring<br>places of detention | Centro de Prevención,<br>Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de<br>la Victimas de la Tortura y sus<br>Familiares (non-governmental<br>organization) | 2018               | 25 000.00                               |
| 28. | Honduras   | Increasing capacity of and<br>coordination among local boards<br>on the prevention of torture; the<br>development of a practical guide;<br>conducting conferences to increase<br>the visibility of local boards   | National Committee for the<br>Prevention of Torture (national<br>preventive mechanism)   | 2019               | 25 000.00                               |
| 29. | Kyrgyzstan | Increasing the capacity of the<br>national preventive mechanism in<br>regard to safeguards in the first<br>hours of detention (identifying<br>legislative gaps, lobbying for legal<br>reform) and to monitoring mental<br>health institutions                           | Association for Prevention of<br>Torture   | 2018               | 25 000.00                               |
| 30. | Maldives   | Notification of fundamental rights<br>to foreign detainees in their local<br>language   | Human Rights Commission of<br>Maldives (national preventive<br>mechanism)  | 2012               | 13 200.00                               |
| 31. | Maldives   | Supporting the national preventive<br>mechanism of Maldives in<br>effectively implementing<br>Subcommittee recommendations  | Association for the Prevention of<br>Torture (in partnership with the<br>Human Rights Commission of<br>Maldives)                             | 2012               | 20 000.00                               |
| 32. | Maldives   | Supporting the national preventive<br>mechanism of Maldives in<br>effectively implementing<br>Subcommittee recommendations  | Human Rights Commission of<br>Maldives (national preventive<br>mechanism)  | 2013               | 15 328.60                               |

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|     | State    | Project summary   | Implementing entity   | Year of<br>project | Grant amount<br>(United States dollars) |
|-----|----------|---|---|--------------------|---|
| 33. | Maldives | Analysing the risk of violence to<br>Maldivian children deprived of<br>their liberty  | Juvenile Justice Unit, Ministry of<br>Home Affairs  | 2014               | 23 786.00                               |
| 34. | Maldives | Development and delivery of<br>Istanbul Protocol training on<br>investigation and documentation of<br>torture and other ill-treatment   | Redress Trust (non-governmental organization)   | 2014               | 34 876.15                               |
| 35. | Mexico   | Providing training on the use of the<br>Istanbul Protocol   | Colectivo contra la Tortura y la<br>Impunidad (non-governmental<br>organization)            | 2012               | 19 807.00                               |
| 36. | Mexico   | Training on combating torture for<br>the Mexican judiciary in<br>partnership with the Office of the<br>United Nations High<br>Commissioner for Human Rights,<br>members of the Subcommittee and<br>key national justice institutions  | International Bar Association<br>Human Rights Institute (non-<br>governmental organization) | 2013               | 46 855.00                               |
| 37. | Mexico   | Training on human rights and the prevention of torture with a gender perspective  | Government of Oaxaca  | 2014               | 35 000.00                               |
| 38. | Mexico   | Supporting the work of the Federal<br>Prosecutor regarding the<br>monitoring and evaluation of<br>medico-legal assessments  | Asistencia Legal por los<br>Derechos Humanos  | 2015               | 35 000.00                               |
| 39. | Mexico   | Strengthening the capacity of<br>criminal enforcement judges to<br>exercise effective judicial control<br>in places of detention, including for<br>torture prevention purposes  | Documenta, Anàlisis y Acción<br>para la Justicia Social, A.C.                               | 2016               | 24 813.00                               |
| 40. | Mexico   | Revising the methodology of<br>preventive monitoring of the<br>national preventive mechanism,<br>with a special focus on the first<br>hours of detention  | Association for Prevention of<br>Torture – Panama   | 2018               | 24 914.06                               |
| 41. | Moldova  | Facilitating the resumption of the<br>work of the national preventive<br>mechanism; strengthening its<br>visibility and its influence on the<br>relevant State authorities; and<br>supporting the national preventive<br>mechanism in discharging its<br>monitoring and reporting mandate | Institute for Democracy   | 2016               | 25 000.00                               |

|     | State       | Project summary   | Implementing entity  | Year of<br>project | Grant amount<br>(United States dollars) |
|-----|-------------|---|--|--------------------|---|
| 42. | Moldova     | Developing a visibility strategy for<br>the national preventive mechanism<br>for 2018; raising awareness for<br>activities of the national preventive<br>mechanism in 2017; improving the<br>dialogue between members of the<br>national preventive mechanism/the<br>Ombudsperson Office and relevant<br>national entities/institutions to<br>effectively examine the<br>recommendations of the national<br>preventive mechanism and<br>implementation measures                     | Institute for Penal Reform<br>(national preventive mechanism)      | 2018               | 23 270.00                               |
| 43. | Moldova     | Developing a training module for<br>staff of the national preventive<br>mechanism on monitoring,<br>interviewing and reporting<br>techniques  | Rehabilitation Centre for Victims<br>of Torture Victims, "Memoria" | 2019               | 25 000.00                               |
| 44. | New Zealand | Establishing an evidence base to<br>inform the ongoing discussion on<br>institutional, legislative and<br>behavioural changes regarding the<br>use of seclusion and restraint<br>across New Zealand's places of<br>deprivation of liberty; contributing<br>to the development of a<br>standardized and consistent<br>approach to seclusion and restraint<br>in order to eliminate de facto<br>discrepancies among the various<br>places of deprivation of liberty in<br>New Zealand | Human Rights Commission  | 2016               | 24 775.00                               |
| 45. | New Zealand | Strengthening the capacity of the<br>Office of the Ombudsman to<br>monitor and report the detention<br>conditions of persons with<br>psychosocial disabilities and<br>mental health issues in various<br>places of deprivation of liberty,<br>including penitentiary institutions,<br>mental health institutions and<br>disability places of detention, as<br>well as immigration detention<br>facilities   | Office of the Ombudsman  | 2016               | 18 699.00                               |
| 46. | Paraguay    | Systematization of police records   | Ministry of the Interior   | 2012               | 19 984.00                               |
| 47. | Paraguay    | Design of fair-trial indicators,<br>allowing for the monitoring of<br>constitutional guarantees of lawful<br>detention and the presumption of<br>innocence  | Supreme Court of Justice   | 2012               | 20 000.00                               |

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|     | State    | Project summary  | Implementing entity   | Year of<br>project | Grant amount<br>(United States dollars) |
|-----|----------|--|---|--------------------|---|
| 48. | Paraguay | Support for the work of the<br>national body in charge of the<br>selection of commissioners for the<br>future national preventive<br>mechanism   | Ministry of Justice and Labour  | 2012               | 19 500.00                               |
| 49. | Paraguay | Contribution to the development of<br>public policies aimed at the<br>prevention of torture and cruel,<br>inhuman or degrading treatment<br>within the purview of the judiciary  | Supreme Court of Justice  | 2013               | 35 730.00                               |
| 50. | Paraguay | Promoting the fundamental human<br>rights of persons deprived of<br>liberty and citizen engagement<br>against torture in Paraguay  | Fundación "Celestina Pérez de<br>Almada"  | 2014               | 34 520.00                               |
| 51. | Paraguay | Strengthening of institutional<br>capacity in monitoring and<br>investigation of torture and ill-<br>treatment by assisting the work of<br>the national preventive mechanism;<br>conducting research on the root<br>causes of torture and ill-treatment;<br>liaising with relevant stakeholders;<br>and facilitating the development of<br>groups of the victims' families | Coordinadora de Derechos<br>Humanos del Paraguay  | 2016               | 25 000.00                               |
| 52. | Paraguay | Development of a web platform for<br>torture allegations accessible for<br>the national preventive mechanism<br>and public defenders   | Mecanismo Nacional de<br>Prevención contra la Tortura de<br>la Républica del Paraguay                                 | 2019               | 24 882.00                               |
| 53. | Romania  | Enhancing the capacity of the<br>national preventive mechanism to<br>monitor psychiatric institutions<br>(workshops, leaflets and<br>collaboration with civil society<br>organizations)  | Association for the Prevention of<br>Torture  | 2019               | 22 545.00                               |
| 54. | Senegal  | Supporting the national preventive<br>mechanism of Senegal in<br>effectively implementing<br>Subcommittee recommendations  | Observateur National des Lieux<br>de Privation de Liberté (national<br>preventive mechanism)                          | 2015               | 34 770.90                               |
| 55. | Senegal  | Supporting the national preventive<br>mechanism of Senegal in<br>effectively implementing<br>Subcommittee recommendations  | Association for the Prevention of<br>Torture (in partnership with the<br>Senegalese national preventive<br>mechanism) | 2015               | 18 937.50                               |

|     | State                 | Project summary   | Implementing entity  | Year of<br>project | Grant amount<br>(United States dollars) |  |  |
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| 56. | Senegal               | Increase visits by the national<br>preventive mechanism with a focus<br>on persons with mental illness,<br>disabilities, HIV/AIDS and<br>juveniles; training of law<br>enforcement officers on the<br>treatment of persons deprived of<br>their liberty; and awareness-raising<br>of the public in regard to the<br>national preventive mechanism<br>(radio emissions in rural areas) | Observateur National des Lieux<br>de Privation de Liberté (national<br>preventive mechanism) | 2018               | 25 000.00                               |  |  |
| 57. | Togo                  | Strengthening the capacity of the<br>national preventive mechanism<br>through training, study visits and<br>the purchase of equipment   | Commission Nationale de Droits<br>de l'Homme du Togo   | 2019               | 22 750.00                               |  |  |
| 58. | Togo                  | Strengthening the capacity of the<br>national preventive mechanism;<br>and enhancing collaboration with<br>civil society organizations and the<br>visibility of the national preventive<br>mechanism  | World Organization against<br>Torture in collaboration with<br>local organization CACIT      | 2019               | 20 600.00                               |  |  |
| 59. | Ukraine               | Supporting the new national<br>preventive mechanism, the Special<br>Bureau of Investigation and legal<br>aid lawyers  | International Bar Association,<br>Human Rights Institute                                     | 2019               | 24 994.00                               |  |  |
| ,   | Total grants approved |   |  |                    |   |  |  |