

UN Committee against Torture: ICJ and IHOP's joint submission on Turkey

On 25 June, the ICJ and Human Rights Joint Platform (IHOP) filed their joint submission to the UN Committee against Torture (Committee).

The Committee will consider it during the adoption of a list of issues prior to reporting (LOIPR) for the examination of the Fifth Periodic Report of Turkey under Article 19 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT).

During its 65th session, from 12 November to 7 December 2018, the Committee will prepare and adopt a LOIPR on Turkey.

Once adopted, the LOIPR will be transmitted to the State party. Turkey's formal response to the LOIPR will then constitute its Fifth Periodic Report under article 19 of the Convention.

The ICJ and IHOP's joint submission to the Committee highlights a number of ongoing concerns with respect to the country's implementation of and compliance with the provisions of the CAT.

In addition, the joint submissions formulates certain questions and recommends that the Committee should include them in its LOIPR and address them to the Government of Turkey, including on the following pressing issues:

- allegations of abduction;
- immunity from prosecution for torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- remedies and reparations for victims of torture;
- fundamental legal safeguards and access to a lawyer;
- conditions of detention;
- civil society organizations; and
- national human rights institution and national preventive mechanism.

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