



Lebanese Republic
National Human Rights Commission
including the Committee
for the Prevention of Torture
NHRC-CPT

3rd Review of Lebanon under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the UN Human Rights Council

Annex 1 to the written contribution by Lebanon's National Human Rights Commission including the committee for the Prevention of Torture - (NHRC-CPT)

Background Note

The National Human Rights Commission including the committee for the Prevention of Torture - (NHRC-CPT) is a legally mandated and independent National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) functioning in full compliance with the Paris Principles. According to the Law No 62 dated 27/10/2016 (Official Gazette No 52 dated 3/11/2016), the NHRC-CPT discharges its mandate in all questions relating to the protection and promotion of human rights in Lebanon. In particular, the NHRC is vested with the following duties:

- Monitor the extent of Lebanon's compliance with Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law and draft and publish special or periodic reports thereon.
- Contribute independently to drafting reports that shall be submitted by the Lebanese State .
- Offer feedback and consultation upon the request of competent authorities or on its own initiative in regard to respecting and observing human rights standards.
- Receive claims and complaints of human rights violations and contribute to handling these claims through negotiations and mediation or through prosecution
- Contribute to the promotion of a culture of human rights and push for the implementation and development of educational programs on human rights.

The Committee for the Prevention (CPT) of Torture works within the NHRC on protecting the rights of persons who are detained and deprived of their liberties in accordance with Lebanon's obligations under the OPCAT. As defined by the OPCAT, CPT carries out the function of a national preventive mechanism aimed at protecting the rights of persons who are detained and deprived of their liberties. The CPT enjoys the independent legal capacity to act in matters related to torture and its prevention.

Both NHRC and CPT each in its own field, draft a unified report which includes their annual programme, achievements and challenges. NHRC shall submit the unified report to the office of the President, the office of Head of Parliament, the office of the Prime Minister and the office of Head of the Supreme Council of Justice. The report shall be published in the Official Gazette and may be discussed by the Parliament.

The NHRC shall follow up and assess the status of human rights and international humanitarian law in Lebanon, draft and publish, as appropriate, special or periodic reports accordingly.

NHRC-CPT established four standing committees :

The International Humanitarian Law commission that works on ensuring the respect of all relevant International Humanitarian Law conventions, protocols and customary rules to which Lebanon is a party of, whether by ratification or accession.

The Committee for grievance on child abuse and on children, victims of child rights violations which is the national complaint mechanisms for violations of children's rights. The Committee works on the basis of the best interest of the child. It thus takes into account children's rights and their points of view, while taking into consideration the age and maturity of each child interviewed.

The Committee for the protection of disabled people's rights which is considered the national mechanism for the protection of persons with disabilities.

The Committee to combat human trafficking. This Committee is works on combating trafficking in persons and into ensuring the protection of victims and witnesses. The Committee performs tasks including receiving notifications of trafficking in persons and transmitting these notifications to the competent judicial authorities.

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