

Recommendations

Prisons

Session 1 (7-18 April 2008) and Session 2 (5-19 May 2008),

In this document are contained recommendations only mentioned in Section II "Conclusions and/or recommendations" of the Reports of the Working Group of session 1 and 2 and sorted by States submitting them:

Algeria

○ **United kingdom - A/HRC/8/25**

- To address the high incarceration rate of children, ensure that the privacy of children is protected

Canada

○ **Argentina - A/HRC/8/34**

- To adopt measures to improve prison conditions, especially the overcrowding. To address the issue of unduly protracted detentions and to promote the use of alternative measures to pretrial detention, in particular for pregnant women and young children.

○ **Peru - A/HRC/8/37**

- To take measures to address the issue of prison overcrowding and poor prison conditions, including providing prisoners with access to medical staff and court-appointed counsel

○ **Ukraine - A/HRC/8/45**

- To take measures to implement the recommendations made by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee against Torture and the Human Rights Committee regarding prison conditions and the treatment of detainees

- **Tonga - A/HRC/8/48**

- To amend its criminal laws so that sexual activity between consenting adults is not a criminal offence. It noted a joint appeal by three special procedures on the treatment of detainees and prisoners by security forces and enquired about steps taken to implement their recommendations

<u>Czech Republic</u>

- **Sri Lanka - A/HRC/8/46**

- To adopt measures to strengthen the rule of law; prevent human rights violations, including enforced disappearances, extrajudicial executions and torture; ensure punishment of those responsible; and include, inter alia, systematic review of all detention areas; establish an independent complaint mechanism in prisons, and prompt, impartial investigation into allegations of torture as well as protection for witnesses and others alleging torture or ill-treatment against reprisals, intimidation and threats

<u>Denmark</u>

- **Poland - A/HRC/8/30**

- To give priority to the implementation of outstanding necessary improvements of prisons conditions

- **Romania - A/HRC/8/49**

- To continue and strengthen its efforts to avoid ill-treatment of prisoners, while ensuring that all cases of abuse and excessive use of force by authorities be investigated and appropriate measures be taken

<u>Germany</u>

- **Brazil - A/HRC/8/27**

- To take action to improve prison conditions and implement recommendations made by the Committee against Torture and by the Human Rights Committee

- **Argentina - A/HRC/8/34**

- To adopt measures to improve prison conditions, especially the overcrowding. To address the issue of unduly protracted detentions and to promote the use of alternative measures to pretrial detention, in particular for pregnant women and young children

<u>Hungary</u>

- **Gabon - A/HRC/8/35**

- To bring prison conditions in line with article 10 of ICCPR and the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners

Iran

- **Sri Lanka - A/HRC/8/46**

- To increase its efforts to strengthen its legal safeguards for eliminating all forms of ill treatment or torture in the prisons and detention centres

Ireland

- **Mali - A/HRC/8/50**

- To improve prison conditions by reducing overcrowding and ensuring access to adequate medical treatment

Italy

- **Ecuador - A/HRC/8/20**

- To take appropriate measures to further improve the conditions of detainees in prisons, as recommended by the Committee against Torture in 2006 and 2007

- **Gabon - A/HRC/10/35**

- To create a judicial system for minors and improve their situation, including the separation of minors from adults in prisons

Netherlands

- **Benin - A/HRC/8/39**

- To take effective measures to ensure that prison conditions are consistent with international standards

- **France - A/HRC/8/47**

- To report back to the Human Rights Council about further concrete measures taken with regard to the improvement of prison conditions according to international standards, and that the recommendations of the different treaty bodies in this regard be implemented as soon as possible

- **Tonga - A/HRC/8/48**

- To facilitate extended access to prisons for NGOs and that it implements the recommendations contained in the report of the Community Para-Legal Taskforce on Human Rights with regard to persons detained by the security forces

Russia

- **United Kingdom - A/HRC/8/25**

- To elaborate a national programme to combat the problem of overcrowding of prisons

- **Poland - A/HRC/8/30**

- Recommended having studied all the background information, recommended that a national programme to combat overcrowding in prisons be developed in order to bring Polish places of detention into line with international standards

- **Ukraine - A/HRC/8/45**

- To develop a programme to effectively improve the situation of persons in deprivation of liberty, including measures that would lead to a reduction of the mortality rates among prisoners

<u>Slovenia</u>

- **Argentina - A/HRC/8/34**

- To adopt measures to improve prison conditions, especially the overcrowding. To address the issue of unduly protracted detentions and to promote the use of alternative measures to pretrial detention, in particular for pregnant women and young children

- **Gabon - A/HRC/8/35**

- To bring detention and prison conditions in line with articles 9 and 10 of ICCPR and with the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, making these rules available to the police, the armed forces, prison staff and anyone else responsible for conducting interrogations, as well as to persons deprived of their liberty

<u>South Korea</u>

- **Poland - A/HRC/8/30**

- To continue its efforts to address the issues of overcrowding of prisons and delays in court proceedings

<u>Sweden</u>

- **Ecuador - A/HRC/8/20**

- To establish a time frame and a follow-up mechanism regarding the improvements on the situation of detainees in prisons

<u>United Kingdom</u>

- **Morocco - A/HRC/8/22**

- To continue its efforts to improve prison conditions

- **Brazil - A/HRC/8/27**

- While continuing its positive initiatives, invest more rigour in evaluating the outcomes of planned activities in many of these areas: prisons conditions, criminal justice system, juvenile justice system, violence and extrajudicial killings committed by state military police, torture, protection of human rights defenders, violence

against women, indigenous communities, rural violence and land conflict, child and slave labour, impunity for those involved with human trafficking and corruption

Uruguay

- **Brazil - A/HRC/8/27**

- To make greater efforts regarding prisons systems in a number of states of the federation in order to be transformed into rehabilitation centres

- **Peru - A/HRC/8/37**

- To take measures to address the issue of prison overcrowding and poor prison conditions, including providing prisoners with access to medical staff and court-appointed counsel, especially in the Challapalca prison where detainees live under extreme climatic conditions

USA

- **Ukraine - A/HRC/8/45**

- To vigorously investigate and prosecute prison and police officials guilty of the mistreatment of detainees and prisoners