

Additional resources relevant to Article 15 (Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment)

The following are excerpts from existing human rights conventions:

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)

Article 7: No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. In particular, no one shall be subjected without his free consent to medical or scientific experimentation.

Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)

Article 2(1): Each State Party shall take effective legislative, administrative, judicial or other measures to prevent acts of torture in any territory under its jurisdiction.

Article 4(1): Each State Party shall ensure that all acts of torture are offences under its criminal law. The same shall apply to an attempt to commit torture and to an act by any person which constitutes complicity or participation in torture.

Article 16(1): Each State Party shall undertake to prevent in any territory under its jurisdiction other acts of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment which do not amount to torture as defined in article I, when such acts are committed by or at the instigation of or with the consent or acquiescence of a public official or other person acting in an official capacity...

Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

Article 37(a): States Parties shall ensure that: ... (a) No child shall be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment...