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Rules of Procedure

of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)

The Committee,

Having regard to the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention");

Pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Convention,

Adopts the present Rules:

TITLE I

ORGANISATION OF THE

COMMITTEE

Chapter I

Members of the Committee

Rule 1

(Calculation of term of office)

1. The duration of the term of office of a member of the Committee shall be calculated as from their election, unless the Committee of Ministers stipulates otherwise when proceeding to the election.
 2. A member elected to replace a member whose term of office has not expired shall be elected for a four year term of office, unless the Committee of Ministers decides otherwise in pursuance of Article 5, paragraph 4, of the Convention.
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Rule 2

(Solemn declaration)

Before taking up their duties, members of the Committee shall, at the first meeting of the Committee at which they are present following their election, make the following solemn declaration:

"I solemnly declare that I will exercise my functions as a member of this Committee honourably, independently, impartially and conscientiously, and that I will keep secret all Committee proceedings".

Rule 3

(Duties of members)

1. Members shall perform their duties in conformity with the solemn declaration and the requirements of independence, impartiality availability, and confidentiality inherent to their office, shall keep secret the Committee's deliberations in accordance with the Convention and uphold the values and respect the standards set out in the Code of Conduct of the Council of Europe.
2. In case of doubt as to the application of these duties in a given situation, a member should seek the advice of the Bureau. In case of doubt as to the application of these duties in a given situation involving a member of the Bureau, they should seek the advice of the other members of the Bureau.
3. Every effort shall be made by the Bureau to resolve any situation involving the non-fulfilment of a member's duties through dialogue before recourse to the procedure set out in following paragraphs.

4. In the event that members do not fulfil their duties *inter alia* in terms of independence, impartiality, availability and confidentiality as provided in paragraph 1, the Committee shall take appropriate measures to address the situation, preferably on the basis of a report by the Bureau.

Such measures may include conveying to the member concerned what precise actions are required of them to address the non-fulfilment, issuing an admonition, suspending the member from visits and/or official meetings or, where appropriate, referring the matter to the Committee of Ministers. If the member concerned is a member of the Bureau, the report will be drafted by the Bureau sitting without the presence of the person concerned.

5. Decisions by the Committee to take any measure under paragraph 4 will be based on a majority of the votes cast, except as concerns a decision to inform the Committee of Ministers of the matter, which will be taken by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. The decision will be taken after the member concerned has had an opportunity to be heard and state their views.

Rule 4 (Incompatibility)

1. During their term of office, members of the Committee shall not perform any function which is incompatible with its inherent requirements of independence and impartiality. Members shall avoid any conflict of interest, or being placed in a situation which might reasonably be perceived as giving rise to one. Conflicts of interest shall be declared to the Executive Secretary.

2. If it appears that a member of the Committee has agreed to undertake functions which may be regarded as incompatible with the provisions of paragraph 1, they are obliged to bear the consequences thereof. Should the member fail to do so, the Committee shall address the matter in line with the procedure outlined in Rule 3.

Rule 5 (participation in discussions relating to a State Party)

Members of the Committee shall not participate in, nor preside over, the deliberation nor adoption of a draft report on a visit, a public statement nor any other question of substance, relating to the State Party in respect of which they were elected.

Rule 6 (Precedence)

1. Members of the Committee shall take precedence after the President and Vice-Presidents according to the length of time they have been in office.

2. Members having the same length of time in office shall take precedence according to age.

3. Re-elected members shall take precedence having regard to the duration of their previous term of office.

Rule 7 (Resignation)

Resignation of a member of the Committee shall be notified to the President.

Chapter II Presidency of the Committee

Rule 8 (Election of the President and Vice-Presidents)

1. The Committee shall elect from among its members a President and a first (1st) and second (2nd) Vice-President.

2. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected for a term of two years. They may be re-elected. However, the term of office of the President or of a Vice-President shall end if they cease to be a member of the Committee.

3. Members will be invited to present their candidature for the posts of President, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President. Candidatures for all three posts will close prior to the holding of the elections. A candidate for the post of President who is not elected to that post may subsequently propose themselves as a candidate for the post of 1st or 2nd Vice-President, and a candidate for the post of 1st Vice-President who is not elected to that post may subsequently be a candidate for the post of 2nd Vice-President.

4. The elections referred to in this Rule shall be held by secret ballot (paper or electronic). Election shall be by a majority of the votes cast.

5. If no candidate is elected after the first ballot, a second ballot shall take place between the two candidates who have received most votes; in the case of equal voting, the candidate having precedence shall take part in the second ballot. If necessary, a third ballot shall take place between the two candidates concerned. The candidate who receives the most votes in such a third ballot or, in the case of equal voting, who has precedence, shall be declared elected.

6. If there are only two candidates for a vacant office and neither of the candidates is elected after the first ballot, a second ballot shall take place. The candidate who receives the most votes in such a second ballot or, in the case of equal voting, who has precedence, shall be declared elected.

7. Elected members shall begin their mandate at the closure of the plenary during which they have been elected, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

8. If the President or a Vice-President ceases to be a member of the Committee or resigns their office of President or Vice-President before its expiry, the Committee may elect a successor for the remainder of the term of that office in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 4 to 6.

Rule 9 (Functions of the President)

1. The President shall chair the meetings of the Committee and shall perform all other functions conferred upon them by these Rules of Procedure or by the Committee.

2. In exercising their functions, the President shall remain under the authority of the Committee.

3. The President may delegate certain of their functions to either Vice-President.

Rule 10 (Replacement of the President and Vice-Presidents)

1. The 1st Vice-President shall take the place of the President if the latter is unable to carry out their duties or if the office of President is vacant. The 2nd Vice-President shall replace the 1st Vice-President if the latter is unable to carry out their duties or if the office of 1st Vice-President is vacant. The member of the Committee having precedence shall replace the 2nd Vice-President if the latter is unable to carry out their duties or if the office of 2nd Vice-President is vacant.

2. If the President and Vice-Presidents are at the same time unable to carry out their duties or if their offices are at the same time vacant, the duties of President shall be carried out by another member of the Committee according to the order of precedence.

Chapter III Bureau of the Committee

Rule 11

1. The Bureau of the Committee shall consist of the President and Vice-Presidents. If one or more members of the Bureau are unable to carry out their duties, they shall be replaced by other members of the Committee in accordance with the rules of precedence.

2. The Bureau shall direct the work of the Committee and shall perform all other functions conferred upon it by these Rules of Procedure or by the Committee.

3. The Bureau shall be entitled to invite other members of the Committee to its meetings for the discussion of specific items.

Chapter IV Secretariat of the Committee

Rule 12

The Secretariat of the Committee shall consist of an Executive Secretary, and other staff members appointed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

TITLE II WORKING OF THE COMMITTEE: GENERAL RULES

Chapter I Seat of the Committee and languages

Rule 13 (Seat of the Committee)

The seat of the Committee shall be in Strasbourg.

Rule 14 (Languages)

The official and working languages of the Committee shall be English and French.

Chapter II Meetings of the Committee

Rule 15 (Holding of meetings)

1. The Committee and its Bureau shall hold meetings as required for the exercise of their functions.

2. Committee meetings shall be convened at dates decided by the Committee. The Committee shall meet at other times by decision of the Bureau, as circumstances may require. It shall also meet if at least one third of the members so request.

3. The Executive Secretary shall notify the members of the Committee of the date, time and place of each Committee meeting. Convocation letters should be sent at least four weeks in advance of the meeting.

4. Members who are unable to attend a Committee meeting or a part thereof shall notify, in due time, the Executive Secretary, who shall inform the Bureau.

5. Meetings of the Committee shall ordinarily be held in person in Strasbourg. Exceptionally, when necessary, meetings may be held by videoconference or in hybrid form. The decision to hold a meeting by videoconference or in hybrid form shall be made by the Bureau. When holding such meetings, members' remote attendance shall be treated as presence in person for the purposes of these Rules, including for matters such as forming a quorum, participation in discussions, and voting.

Rule 16 (Agenda and meeting documentation)

1. Following consultation with the Bureau, the Executive Secretary shall transmit to the members a draft agenda at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

2. The agenda shall be adopted by the Committee at the beginning of the meeting.

3. The Executive Secretary shall transmit to the members of the Committee, whenever possible, at least two weeks in advance, the working documents relating to the different agenda items.

4. The Secretariat shall transmit documentation to members in the most appropriate and secure manner.

Rule 17
(Quorum)

The quorum of the Committee shall be the majority of its members.

Rule 18
(Privacy of meetings)

1. The Committee shall meet in camera. Its deliberations shall remain confidential.

2. Apart from members of the Committee, only members of the Committee's Secretariat, interpreters and persons providing technical assistance to the Committee may be present at its meetings, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

Rule 19
(Hearings)

The Committee may hear any person whom it considers to be in a position to assist it in the performance of its functions under the Convention.

Chapter III
Conduct of business

Rule 20
(Proposals)

A proposal can be made orally. It must be submitted in writing if a member of the Committee so requests. In that case it shall not be discussed until it has been circulated.

Rule 21

(Order of voting on proposals and amendments)

1. Where a number of proposals relate to the same subject, they shall be put to the vote in the order in which they were submitted. In case of doubt, the President shall decide.

2. Where a proposal is the subject of an amendment, the amendment shall be put to the vote first. Where two or more amendments to the same proposal are presented, the Committee shall vote first on whichever departs furthest in substance from the original proposal, and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. However, where the acceptance of one amendment necessarily entails rejection of another, the latter shall not be put to the vote. The final vote shall then be taken on the proposal as amended or not amended. In case of doubt as to the order of priority, the President shall decide.

3. Parts of a proposal or amendment may be put to the vote separately.

4. In the case of a proposal with financial implications, the most costly shall be put to the vote first.

Rule 22
(Order of procedural motions)

Procedural motions shall take precedence over all other proposals or motions except points of order. They shall be put to the vote in the following order:

- a. suspension of the meeting;
 - b. adjournment of the meeting;
 - c. adjournment of discussion on the item in hand;
 - d. closure of discussion on the item in hand.
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Rule 23
(Reconsideration of a question)

When a decision has been taken it is only re-examined if a member of the Committee so requests and the Committee accedes to this request.

Rule 24
(Voting)

1. Subject to the provisions of Rules 3, 15, 39, 41, 44, 46 and 47, the decisions of the Committee shall be taken by consensus and, where appropriate, by a majority of votes cast.
 2. In matters other than elections, a proposal shall be regarded as rejected if the majority referred to in paragraph 1 is not obtained.
 3. The Committee shall normally vote by show of hands. However, any member may request that a secret vote be taken in electronic or paper form.
 4. After a vote has commenced, there shall be no interruption of the voting except on a point of order by a member in connection with the actual conduct of the voting. Brief statements by members consisting solely of explanations of their votes may be permitted by the President before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed.
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Rule 25
(Expedited procedure)

Reports, or any other documentation, can be adopted by an "expedited procedure" when they are transmitted to Committee members in English and French at least two weeks prior to the Plenary meeting. Members will be invited to indicate within a set deadline, any paragraphs of the draft document concerned which they wish to have discussed by the Committee. The delegation or the drafting group can also flag paragraph(s) to be discussed. All other paragraphs will be considered as adopted without a debate when the document is examined by the Committee.

Chapter IV

Decisions and meeting reports

Rule 26
(Decisions)

At the end of each meeting the Executive Secretary shall submit to the Committee for its approval a list of the decisions adopted during the meeting.

Rule 27
(Meeting reports)

A draft report of the Committee's deliberations at each meeting shall be prepared by the Executive Secretary. The draft meeting report shall be transmitted as soon as possible to members of the Committee and will be examined at the outset of the next meeting of the Committee.

Chapter V

Working Groups and Rapporteur(s)

Rule 28

1. The Committee shall establish standing Working Groups on health and on jurisprudence.
 2. The Committee may establish additional Working Groups and appoint Rapporteur(s) to undertake tasks which cannot be performed by the standing Working Groups.
 3. The composition, members terms of office, and terms of reference of the Working Groups and Rapporteurs shall be defined by the Committee. Unless otherwise provided, Working Groups and Rapporteurs shall be governed by the present Rules.
 4. Experts may be invited by the Bureau to participate in and provide assistance to Working Groups and Rapporteurs.
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Chapter VI

Communications containing information submitted for the Committee's consideration

Rule 29

1. The Executive Secretary shall bring to the Committee's attention communications received containing information submitted for the Committee's consideration, unless the information in question relates to matters which manifestly fall outside its field of competence.
2. Such communications received by individual members of the Committee shall be forwarded to the Secretariat.

TITLE III

PROCEDURE CONCERNING VISITS

Chapter I

Basic rules

Rule 30

(The principle of visits)

Pursuant to Articles 1 and 7 of the Convention, the Committee shall organise visits to places referred to in Article 2 of the Convention to examine the treatment of persons deprived of their liberty, with a view to strengthening, if necessary, their protection from torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Rule 31

(Requests for information or explanations)

1. Before deciding on a particular visit, the Committee or, if appropriate, the Bureau may request information or explanations as regards the general situation in the State concerned, as regards a given place, or as regards an isolated case concerning which it has received reports.

2. Following receipt of such information or explanations, details of remedial action taken by the national authorities may be requested.

Rule 32

(Periodic visits)

1. The Committee shall carry out visits of a periodic nature.
2. Before the end of each calendar year, the Committee shall establish a provisional programme of periodic visits for the following calendar year. In drawing up this programme the Committee shall ensure, as far as possible, that the different States Parties to the Convention are visited on an equitable basis, regard being had to the number of relevant places in each State Party.
3. The Committee may subsequently decide to modify the above-mentioned programme in the light of circumstances.
4. The Committee shall make public the names of the countries in which periodic visits are envisaged in a given year, after having informed the authorities of each of the States concerned of the likelihood of a visit.

Rule 33

(Ad hoc visits)

1. In addition to periodic visits, the Committee may carry out ad hoc visits it deems to be required in the circumstances.
 2. When the Committee is not in session, the Bureau may, in case of necessity, decide on the Committee's behalf on the carrying out of an ad hoc visit. The Bureau shall report to the Committee at its next meeting on the reasoning of the decision and any action taken.
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Rule 34

(Responsibility for carrying out visits)

1. As a rule, visits shall be carried out by at least two of the Committee's members. In the case of an ad hoc visit of an urgent nature, it may exceptionally be carried out by a single member.
 2. The members of the Committee with responsibility for carrying out a visit shall act in the name of the Committee.
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Rule 35

(Notification of visits)

1. The President shall notify the Government of the Party concerned of the intention to carry out a visit. The notification shall be sent to the authority referred to in Article 15 of the Convention.
 2. The notification shall contain the names of the Committee members responsible for carrying out the visit and of all persons assisting the visiting delegation.
 3. The notification may indicate place(s) which the delegation intends to visit. However, this shall not prevent the visiting delegation from visiting places not indicated in the notification.
 4. The notification of a visit in pursuance of paragraphs 1 to 3 may be given in stages.
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Chapter II Visiting delegations

Rule 36

(Choice of members)

1. The members of the Committee to carry out a visit shall be agreed by the Committee in light of a proposal from the Bureau or, in case of urgency when the Committee is not in session, by the Bureau. Due regard shall be had to the nature of the visit in question, and in particular to the type of place or places to be visited, when the composition of the delegation is determined.
 2. The member of the Committee elected in respect of the State to be visited shall not be chosen as a member of the visiting delegation.
 3. The members of the delegation shall appoint one of their number as Head of the delegation. The Bureau may make a suggestion in this regard.
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Rule 37

(Assistants)

1. The delegation may propose to be assisted by one or more experts, subject to the availability of the necessary budgetary resources and the authorisation of the Bureau.
 2. As a rule, at least one member of the Secretariat of the Committee shall accompany each visiting delegation.
 3. All persons assisting a visiting delegation shall act on the instructions and under the authority of the Head of the delegation.
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Rule 38
(Procedure for visits)

1. Visiting delegations shall carry out visits in accordance with any general or specific instructions or guidelines issued by the Committee or, as the case may be, the Bureau.
2. A visiting delegation may immediately communicate observations to the authorities of the Party concerned.
3. The observations referred to in paragraph 2 may subsequently be communicated in writing to the Party concerned. They shall be confidential. They may be made public under the same conditions as apply to the report on the visit.

TITLE IV POST-VISIT PROCEDURE

Chapter I Reports and recommendations

Rule 39
(Preparation of the Committee's report)

1. After each visit the visiting delegation shall submit a draft report to the Committee, setting out the facts found during the visit and containing any recommendations, comments and requests for information they deem necessary.
2. In light of the draft report, the Committee shall proceed to draw up a report for transmission to the Party concerned.
3. When drawing up its report, the Committee shall take account of any observations which the Party concerned might submit to it following a visit. Further, the Committee may on its own initiative seek observations or additional information from the Party.
4. Exceptionally, if the urgency of the circumstances so requires, the Bureau may send the Committee a reasoned invitation to adopt a draft visit report by written procedure. The Committee shall be deemed to have accepted such a proposal in case a majority of two-thirds of its members have expressed their agreement with this proposal, within a deadline, not shorter than two working days, set by the Bureau. Non-replies within the set deadline will be considered as agreement.

If a two-thirds majority of members accept the Bureau's invitation to adopt a draft report by written procedure, the Bureau may send the draft report to members for their consideration. Otherwise, the draft report shall be placed on the agenda of the next plenary meeting for adoption.

After receiving the draft report, members shall be invited to send any proposals for amendment to the Secretariat within a deadline, not shorter than five working days, set by the Bureau.

The visiting delegation shall prepare a revised version of the draft report, taking due account of any proposals received and providing reasons in writing for proposing to accept or reject those proposals. The revised draft report and the visiting delegation's reasoned views on any proposals for amendment will be transmitted to the members for their consideration.

If a majority of members agree with the revised draft report within a deadline, not shorter than five working days, set by the Bureau, the report shall be considered as adopted by the Committee. Otherwise, the draft report shall be placed on the agenda of the next plenary meeting for adoption.

5. After its adoption, the report on a visit shall be transmitted to the Party concerned by the President.

Rule 40
(Subsequent consultations)

1. After transmission of the Committee's report, the Committee and the Party may hold consultations concerning in particular the implementation of any recommendations set out in the report.
 2. At every Committee meeting, the Executive Secretary shall inform the members of any communications sent to or received from States as follow up to visit reports.
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Chapter II

Public statements

Rule 41

1. If a Party fails to cooperate with the Committee or refuses to improve the situation in light of the Committee's recommendations, the Committee may decide, by a majority of two-thirds of its members, to make a public statement on the matter.
2. Before a decision to make such a statement is taken, the Party concerned shall be given an opportunity to make known its views.
3. Subject to the provisions of Rule 42, paragraph 3, the Committee shall be released from the obligation of confidentiality set out under Title V when making a public statement.

TITLE V

CONFIDENTIALITY

Rule 42

(the principle of confidentiality)

1. Subject to Rule 41, information gathered by the Committee in relation to a visit shall remain confidential. The confidentiality applies to all elements gathered in relation to a visit, either prior to, during or after the visits (including the documents transmitted by the authorities, e-mails and information in electronic form, any photographs or notes taken), the preliminary observations, the draft report and any other document produced by the Committee in relation to the visit.
2. The report transmitted to a Party following a visit is confidential unless its publication is authorised by the Party concerned.
3. The Committee shall not publish reports that contain personal data without the express consent of the person concerned.
4. The Committee may decide to publish the entire report if the Party publishes a part of the report or a statement summarising or commenting on its contents.

5. The provisions of this Rule shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to other confidential communications to a Party from the Committee.
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Rule 43

(the obligation to maintain confidentiality)

1. Members of the Committee, experts and other persons assisting the Committee are required, during and after their terms of office, to maintain the confidentiality of the facts or information of which they have become aware during the discharge of their functions.
 2. A provision to the above effect shall be inserted in the contracts of experts and interpreters recruited to assist the Committee.
 3. Newly elected members who have not yet taken up their duties in accordance with the provisions of Rule 2 shall be required to state in writing that they will respect the obligation to maintain confidentiality before accessing any confidential information.
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Rule 44

(violation of confidentiality by a member of the Secretariat, an interpreter or an expert)

1. If there are serious grounds for believing that a member of the Committee's Secretariat or an interpreter (staff member of the Council of Europe) has violated the obligation of confidentiality, the Committee may, after the person concerned has had an opportunity to state their views, decide by a majority of its members to inform the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of the matter and request that appropriate measures be taken.
 2. If there are serious grounds for believing that an interpreter or an expert has violated the obligation of confidentiality, the Committee may, after the person concerned has had an opportunity to state their views, decide by a majority of its members on the measures to be taken.
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TITLE VI ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Rule 45

1. Subject to the obligation of confidentiality set out under Title V, the Committee shall every year submit to the Committee of Ministers a general report on its activities which shall be transmitted to the Parliamentary Assembly and to any non-member State of the Council of Europe, which is a Party to the Convention, and made public.

2. The report shall contain inter alia information on the organisation and internal workings of the Committee and on its activities proper, with particular mention of the States visited.

3. The Executive Secretary shall submit a draft report to the Committee in good time.

TITLE VII AMENDMENTS AND SUSPENSION

Rule 46 (Amendment of the Rules)

These Rules of Procedure may be amended by decision taken by a majority of the members of the Committee, subject to the provisions of the Convention.

Rule 47 (Suspension of a Rule)

Upon the proposal of a Committee member, the application of a Rule may be suspended by decision taken by a majority of the members of the Committee, subject to the provisions of the Convention. The suspension of a rule shall be limited in its operation to the particular purpose for which such suspension has been sought.
