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Statement

Torture and ill-treatment in the UAE

A. Follow-up to the previous review

During the previous review, several countries raised concerns regarding torture and ill-treatment in the UAE, including the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal, Denmark, Finland, Italy and Austria. However, despite these concerns, reports of torture and ill-treatment in detention facilities have persisted.

B. Torture and Ill-Treatment in the UAE

C. Recommendations

**Ratify the Optional Protocol to
the Convention against
Torture and establish an
independent national
preventive mechanism to
monitor and inspect all places
of detention.**

Establish in its national law a definition of torture in line with the definition provided in article 1 of the Convention against Torture.

Immediately invalidate all convictions based on confessions where there are reasonable grounds to suspect the confession was gained through torture.

**Investigate all allegations of
torture and ill-treatment
promptly, impartially, and
effectively, and hold
perpetrators accountable.**

**Provide adequate
compensation and
rehabilitation for victims of
torture and ill-treatment.**

Ensure that all detainees have access to legal representation, medical care, and contact with their families.

Ensure that the prohibition of torture is established as absolute and non-derogable in national legislation.