



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON TORTURE

The National Committee on Torture was inaugurated by the Attorney-General of the Federation on 28th September, 2009. The Committee was created as part of the national mechanism put in place towards fulfilling the conditions set out in the United Nations Convention Against Torture, to which Nigeria is a signatory. Nigeria signed the Convention on 28th June, 1988 and ratified it on 28th June, 2001.

2. The Terms of Reference of the Committee include:

- i. Receive and consider communications on torture from individuals, CSO's and government institutions.
- ii. Visit all places of detention in Nigeria and promptly impartially, examine any allegation of torture therein.
- iii. Ensure that education and information regarding the prohibition against torture are fully included in the training of law enforcement personnel, civil or military, medical personnel, public officials and other persons who may be involved in the custody, interrogation or treatment of any individual subjected to any form of arrest, detention or imprisonment.
- iv. Keep under systematic review, interrogation rules instruction, methods and practice as well as arrangements for the custody and treatment of persons subjected to any form of arrest, detention or imprisonment, with a view to preventing any cases of torture.
- v. Prepare quarterly briefings to the HAGF on cases of torture and propose appropriate administrative and judicial intervention.
- vi. Propose an Anti-Torture Legislation.
- vii. Further develop a National Anti-Torture Policy.

3. As a starting point, the NCT will immediately commence an investigation into the deaths which occurred in the course of Security agents' response to the Boko Haram crises. The NCT will also review all cases of Extra-Judicial killings by the Police Force and the allegations made by Amnesty International.

4. The NCT solicits the cooperation of all Nigerians to give the Committee information relevant to the assignment.

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