IV. Questionnaire for States

(Communications and Visit Requests of the Special Rapporteur)

|  |
| --- |
| *Remarks:*   * Please keep your responses concise, either directly in the space provided below or in a separate document. * In the absence of translation services, please provide responses in English only, if possible. * Please submit your response by 15 October 2020. * All responses provided by Governments will be published on the mandate's webpage: <https://www.ohchr.ora/en/issues/torture/srtorture/paaes/srtortureindex.aspx> |

A.Procedures for the processing of official communications and requests

Question: Please describe the procedures applied by your Government in responding to / following-up on official communications transmitted by the Special Rapporteur, in line with the responsibilities of States outlined in para 2 of Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/43/L.30 of 31 March 2020, including the initiation of measures of prevention, investigation, prosecution and redress as may be required under applicable international law.

Response:

1. “Allegation letters” (AL) and “Urgent appeals” (UA) on specific alleged specific acts or risks of torture or ill-treatment. N/A
2. “Other letters” (OL) relating to current or envisaged legislation, regulation or policy measures.

The "Law on Police" has been amended aiming to prevent and reveal cases of torture and inhuman treatment. Within the framework of the amendments to the Law as of April 1, 2020, the entry/exit video recording systems are operating for 11 subdivisions, and from May 1, the full operation of the video interrogation video recording system has started. At the same time, until the end of 2020 It is planned to launch entry/exit video recording systems in 10 subdivisions of the RA Police during 2020, in accordance with the Action plan 2020-2022 forced by the National Strategy for the Protection of Human Rights of the Republic of Armenia.

1. Country visit requests. N/A

B. Interaction regarding “Urgent Appeals”, “Allegation Letters”

and “Other Letters”

Question: How does your Government self-evaluate its interactions with the mandate of the Special Rapporteur relating to official communications on specific concerns or allegations regarding torture or ill-treatment during the past four years (1 November 2016 until 31 October 2020)?

Remarks: For your response, please choose one or several options from the four-step classification system explained below, which builds on Human Rights Council in resolution A/HRC/43/L.30 of 31 March 2020, and on universally recognized international legal obligations arising from the absolute and non-derogable prohibition of torture and ill-treatment:

1. "Fully cooperative": (a) Full and expeditious responses, which (b) supply all information requested and (c) ensure proper follow-up to the recommendations and conclusions of the Special Rapporteur including, as a minimum, (d) evidence for the initiation of all measures of prevention, investigation, prosecution and redress required by applicable international law.
2. "Partially cooperative": Responses which fail to meet one or several of the criteria listed under 1 (a) - (d) above, but which have entailed some level of constructive dialogue between the Government and the Special Rapporteur.
3. "Non-responsive": Failure or refusal to respond to the official communications transmitted by the Special Rapporteur.
4. "No communication received": During the past four years (2017-2020), no official communication has been transmitted by the Special Rapporteur.

Please explain your Government's response and, where appropriate, describe any challenges, concerns, grievances or other causes, which may be preventing your Government from achieving a "fully cooperative" interaction.

Response:

"No communication received": During the past four years (2017-2020), no official communication has been transmitted by the Special Rapporteur.

C. Interaction regarding Country Visit Requests

Question: How does your Government self-evaluate its interactions with the mandate in response to official requests transmitted by the Special Rapporteur to conduct a country visit during the past four years during the past four years (1 November 2016 until 31 October 2020)?

Remarks: For your response, please choose one or several options from the four-step classification system explained below, which builds on Human Rights Council in resolution A/HRC/43/L.30 of 31 March 2020:

1. "Fully cooperative": During the past four years (1 November 2016 until 31 October 2020), the Government has extended either a standing invitation or a bilateral invitation to the Special Rapporteur to conduct a country visit in full compliance with the terms of reference of the mandate, and the visit: (a) has taken place, or (b) has been scheduled, or (c) has been postponed or declined by the Special Rapporteur for reasons not in the responsibility of the Government.
2. "Partially cooperative": During the past four years (1 November 2016 until 31 October 2020), the Special Rapporteur has transmitted one or several official country visit requests, which have not received a favourable response, but which have entailed some level of constructive dialogue between the Government and the Special Rapporteur.
3. "Non-responsive": Failure or refusal to respond to the official country visit requests transmitted by the Special Rapporteur.
4. "No request received": During the past four years (1 November 2016 until 31 October 2020), no official country visit request has been transmitted by the Special Rapporteur.

Please explain your Government's response and, where appropriate, describe any challenges, concerns, grievances or other causes, which may be preventing your Government from achieving a "fully cooperative" interaction with the mandate as expected by the Council.

Response:

"No request received": During the past four years (1 November 2016 until 31 October 2020), no official country visit request has been transmitted by the Special Rapporteur.

D. State recommendations / requests

Response:

Question: Please describe and explain any measures which should be taken, and by which authority, mechanism or institution, in order for your Government to achieve a "fully cooperative" interaction on official communications and visit requests transmitted by the Special Rapporteur, in line with resolution A/HRC/43/L.30 of 31 March 2020 and applicable norms of international law.

On May 2006 Armenian Government extended a standing invitation to all UN special procedures.

In addition to cooperation with UN as a member of the Council of Europe, Armenia continues its close cooperation with the Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), which periodically visits the country.