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**Togo\***

The present report is a summary of nine stakeholders' submissions<sup>1</sup> to the universal periodic review. It follows the structure of the general guidelines adopted by the Human Rights Council. It does not contain any opinions, views or suggestions on the part of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), nor any judgement or determination in relation to specific claims. The information included herein has been systematically referenced in endnotes and, to the extent possible, the original texts have not been altered. Lack of information or focus on specific issues may be due to the absence of submissions by stakeholders regarding these particular issues. The full texts of all submissions received are available on the OHCHR website. The report has been prepared taking into consideration the four-year periodicity of the first cycle of the review.

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## **I. Background and framework**

### **A. Scope of international obligations**

1. Joint submission 1(JS1) notes that Togo is party to a significant number of international instruments and that it ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in July 2010.<sup>2</sup>

2. The Plateforme des Organisations de la Société Civile (Platform of Civil Society Organizations) (OSC) recommends that Togo ratify: the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance; the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.<sup>3</sup>

3. OSC reports that the rights and duties established in the international human rights instruments ratified by Togo have been incorporated into the Constitution (art. 50). OSC adds that it is important to consolidate the existing legal instruments by ratifying other texts, bringing domestic legislation into line with the instruments ratified and ensuring that they are implemented effectively.<sup>4</sup>

### **B. Constitutional and legislative framework**

4. The Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme (National Human Rights Commission) (CNDH) notes the delays in the harmonization of texts and the revisions of the Criminal Code and of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as well as in the revision of the Individuals and Family Code, the application of certain provisions of which is a source of discrimination, particularly against women.<sup>5</sup>

### **C. Institutional and human rights infrastructure**

5. OSC reports that the existing institutional framework has been consolidated to ensure greater respect for human rights since the signing of the Global Political Accord in 2006. OSC mentions in particular the key ministries in charge of human rights and justice, as well as CNDH, whose statute and mandate were revised in 2005.<sup>6</sup> OSC also reports that the OHCHR office in Togo assists, amongst other institutions, the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission, which was established by decree in February 2009.<sup>7</sup>

6. CNDH indicates that it is a member of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC) and is accredited with "A" status.<sup>8</sup>

7. CNDH refers to some obstacles impeding it from effectively carrying out its mission. It mentions a lack of collaboration and a tendency to fail to reply within a reasonable period on the part of the public administration, which hinders the investigation into petitions. Logistical shortcomings and a lack of funds and material resources are also mentioned.<sup>9</sup> CNDH recommends that Togo ensure that the public administration gives it full collaboration, in line with the provisions of its implementing act and that its grant be substantially increased.<sup>10</sup>

8. JS1 notes that on 4 March 2011 the national monitoring committee for the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture approved a bill on the establishment of a detention centre observatory, which would serve as a national preventive mechanism.<sup>11</sup>

#### **D. Policy measures**

9. CNDH notes Government efforts in the area of promoting and protecting children's rights with the implementation of a legal framework conform to international standards.<sup>12</sup>

## **II. Promotion and protection of human rights on the ground**

### **A. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms**

#### **Cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights**

10. OSC reports that an OHCHR country office was set up in Togo in 2006.<sup>13</sup>

### **B. Implementation of international human rights obligations, taking into account applicable international humanitarian law**

#### **1. Equality and non-discrimination**

11. OSC reports that efforts have been made to improve the legal and institutional frameworks for the protection of women. However, Togolese legislation still contains discriminatory provisions against women. The National Assembly has delayed voting on the revised and approved Individuals and Family Code.<sup>14</sup> CNDH recommends that Togo adopt the law containing the new Individuals and Family Code.<sup>15</sup> OSC adds that the ministerial department in charge of such matters does not have sufficient financial resources.<sup>16</sup>

12. CNDH notes that despite the existence of a legal framework for the protection of persons with disabilities, affected individuals continue to face difficulties, particularly in terms of limited access to education, inaccessibility of most public buildings for persons with physical disabilities, and a lack of care facilities for persons with mental disabilities.<sup>17</sup> CNDH recommends that Togo facilitate access for persons with disabilities to education and employment.<sup>18</sup>

13. OSC reports that older persons are a vulnerable sector of society and that Government policy does not allow for their personal development.<sup>19</sup>

#### **2. Right to life, liberty and security of the person**

14. JS1 notes with satisfaction that Togo has adopted a law abolishing capital punishment, commuting all death sentences already pronounced to life imprisonment.<sup>20</sup>

15. OSC mentions an increase in lynching and that the media have shown images of the lynch victims who were described as criminals.<sup>21</sup> OSC also mentions that, on 22 June 2010, during the public demonstrations that followed increases in fuel prices, a security official killed one demonstrator and seriously injured another.<sup>22</sup>

16. CNDH indicates that all acts of torture are strictly prohibited by the Constitution. There has been a significant decrease in the number of acts of torture in places of detention, particularly police and gendarmerie stations, thanks to the efforts of human rights

organizations and training by the Ministries of Security and Defence. Inhuman and degrading treatment is nonetheless present in the prison system.<sup>23</sup>

17. While it welcomes the draft revision of the Criminal Code that will include a definition of torture and establish appropriate penalties, JS1 notes that the bill has been awaiting Government adoption for more than two years.<sup>24</sup> JS1 also notes that, owing to the lack of a definition of torture in Togo's legislation, no sentences have been handed down relating to acts of torture. Likewise, despite the frequency of acts of torture by police and gendarmerie officers, the acts are rarely penalized.<sup>25</sup> JS1 recommends that Togo urgently adopt the draft revision of the Criminal Code, including a definition of torture in line with article 1 of the Convention against Torture and penalties proportionate to the seriousness of the crime.<sup>26</sup>

18. JS1 recommends that Togo regularly conduct training for law enforcement personnel, including members of the police force and prison staff, so as to ensure that all have a thorough knowledge of the provisions of the Convention against Torture.<sup>27</sup>

19. CNDH reports that there have been imprisonments due to civil or commercial debt, especially within the framework of the National Commission for Bank Loan Recoveries.<sup>28</sup> CNDH recommends that Togo dissolve this Commission.<sup>29</sup>

20. CNDH reports that prison policy has been undergoing improvements with the Emergency Programme to Support the Prison Sector (PAUSEP). Despite the Programme's ambitious objectives and the changes it has already effected, living conditions and inmate treatment in prisons are still a cause of concern. CNDH mentions overcrowding in some prisons, which is caused by the large number of pretrial detainees; undernourishment of inmates; and unhygienic conditions affecting inmates' health.<sup>30</sup> JS1 reports similar observations.<sup>31</sup> JS1 also notes the glaring lack of training for prison guards in fundamental human rights concepts.<sup>32</sup>

21. OSC reports that detainees are not separated from those who were serving prison sentences, nor are those serving jail terms for minor offences separated from those serving time for criminal offences.<sup>33</sup> Both CNDH and JS1 do however, report that all prisons separate male and female prisoners.<sup>34</sup>

22. OSC reports that detention conditions, overcrowding, and the lack of rehabilitation centres prevent detainees from taking advantage of their right to rehabilitation. OSC notes however that the Government, with the support of the European Union, has undertaken the construction of new prisons for civilians and a rehabilitation centre for detainees after their release.<sup>35</sup>

23. CNDH recommends that Togo bring conditions of detention in line with the minimum requirements and that the country's partners continue their support to provide Togo with modern prisons and detention centres.<sup>36</sup>

24. JS1 reports that non-governmental organizations have had free access to detention centres and prisons for some time. However, certain places such as the National Intelligence Agency's detention centres for "special" detainees are inaccessible.<sup>37</sup> According to the OSC, detainees in those centres are also denied visits from family and lawyers despite the visiting permits issued regularly by the judges in charge of their cases.<sup>38</sup>

25. JS1 reports that most gendarmerie and police stations do not have temporary detention facilities that meet international standards.<sup>39</sup>

26. JS1 reports that domestic violence and conjugal rape are not offences under the Criminal Code.<sup>40</sup>

27. The International Catholic Child Bureau (ICCB) reports that in 2005 Togo adopted a law prohibiting child trafficking, a crime which is also covered under articles 410 et seq. of

the Children's Code. Trafficking is extensively defined to ensure that the offenders and their accomplices, including parents, do not go unpunished. ICCB reports that child trafficking nonetheless persists on the national as well as the international level. Togo is a country both of origin and of transit for the international trafficking of children. On the national level, trafficking mainly consists of confiage, and exploitation of children within the family.<sup>41</sup>

28. ICCB adds that Togo has implemented a data-collection system on child trafficking with the National Commission for the Care and Social Reintegration of Child Victims of Trafficking (CNARSEVT), but that it does not include the selling and kidnapping of children. CNARSEVT has regional and prefectural branches but they are not always operational. Togo has also signed multilateral accords on cooperation in the fight against child trafficking with other countries from the subregion, but they are not always respected.<sup>42</sup>

29. ICCB recommends that Togo issue a decree on the organization and functioning of a national commission to combat the trafficking of children; that it change the name of the CNARSEVT to conform with Act 2005-009 and expand its powers; that it strengthen the system to protect children and prevent child trafficking and also ensure that subregional procedures are operational; and that it include information about the selling and kidnapping of children in its existing CNARSEVT data-collection system.<sup>43</sup>

30. ICCB reports that harmful traditional practices (placement of children in voodoo convents, female genital mutilation, scarification, tattooing, and sale of female children into servitude to pay off debts) still persist in Togo. Only female genital mutilation is a punishable offence under the Children's Code. ICCB recommends that Togo establish provisions making all harmful traditional practices criminal offences, put in place decentralized surveillance mechanisms and raise public awareness of the consequences of harmful traditional practices on the life and health of the child.<sup>44</sup>

31. ICCB states that Ministry of Labour Order No. 1464 of 12 November 2007 established a list of types of work prohibited to children and that most of the provisions in International Labour Organization Convention No. 182 have been integrated into domestic law.<sup>45</sup> ICCB notes, however, that the worst forms of child labour still persist, particularly in rural areas.<sup>46</sup> ICCB recommends that Togo publicize current legislation concerning the worst forms of child labour, fight to punish offenders who exploit children by effectively implementing the laws in force, and reorganize and work with the informal sector to ensure recognition of the need to protect children against the worst forms of labour.<sup>47</sup>

32. ICCB reports that the Children's Code goes further than the Criminal Code by prohibiting moral and physical violence towards children, including paedophilia. There is also a helpline to encourage people to report cases of abuse and ill-treatment in the Golfe prefecture.<sup>48</sup> ICCB notes that some of these acts are not effectively punished, that some proceedings are never settled, and that violence is not always reported.<sup>49</sup> The Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice (IIMA) adds that girls are more vulnerable to violence.<sup>50</sup> IIMA also notes that children accused of sorcery suffer violence and recommends that Togo implement specific measures to eradicate the phenomenon.<sup>51</sup>

33. ICCB recommends that Togo harmonize all of the provisions relating to the protection of children against abuse and ill-treatment in Togolese legislation to conform with the Children's Code; fight against the impunity of offenders who abuse or ill-treat children by effectively applying the legislation in force; extend the "Allo III" helpline to cover the entire country; and put in place a mechanism to provide psychological and social support, rehabilitation and employment support for victims.<sup>52</sup>

34. The Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children (GIEACPC) states that it has not been able to obtain official confirmation that the Children's Code is

interpreted as prohibiting *all* corporal punishment at home. However, corporal punishment is unlawful in all other settings, although still practised in schools, as confirmed by ICCB.<sup>53</sup>

### 3. Administration of justice, including impunity, and the rule of law

35. ICCB notes the various reform proposals relating to the administration of justice, such as the preliminary draft decree on the reorganization and functioning of the Juvenile Division, the preliminary draft document on legal aid, and the preliminary draft policy for the reintegration of detainees.<sup>54</sup> ICCB recommends that Togo enact the reform laws to consolidate the legal framework for juvenile justice without delay.<sup>55</sup> ICCB also recommends that Togo ensure the provision of training on the particularities of children's rights for those involved in the legal system.<sup>56</sup>

36. ICCB reports that the legal framework for juvenile justice is laid out in Act No. 2007-017 of 6 July 2007 which establishes the Children's Code, but that it is not effectively implemented. Lomé has the only youth court, and the judges appointed to youth cases under the jurisdiction of the Kara appeal court do not have any special training in juvenile justice.<sup>57</sup> ICCB recommends that Togo set up youth courts and juvenile divisions and appoint juvenile judges in conformance with article 317 of the Children's Code.<sup>58</sup>

37. ICCB notes that there is only one Juvenile Division in Togo (in Lomé), that it separates girls from boys and its occupancy rate is acceptable. However, the building is in disrepair and the Division depends on civil society for 80 per cent of the vocational training given to young inmates of an age to learn a trade because it does not receive a budget allocation from the Government.<sup>59</sup>

38. JS1 reports that articles 17 and 18 of the Constitution provide that "any person who has been arrested has the right to be informed immediately of the charges against him or her" and that an individual "is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law". In practice, these rights are not respected.<sup>60</sup>

39. JS1 adds that the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to police custody do not provide for the notification of rights or the presence of a lawyer, and that the medical examination of persons held is merely an option available only at their request or that of a member of their family, subject to the agreement of the prosecution authorities. No provision is made for the detained person to choose the doctor.<sup>61</sup> OSC notes that, despite the presumption of innocence, some media have been allowed to show images of handcuffed individuals and to broadcast declarations of guilt made by members of the judicial police force (OPJ) who arrested the individuals.<sup>62</sup>

40. JS1 notes that the assistance of a lawyer from the stage of the preliminary inquest remains a constitutional provision, the practical organization of which has never been laid down in the Code of Criminal Procedures or any other document.<sup>63</sup>

41. OSC adds that some cases have been delayed more than once due to a lack of interpreters and that defendants are rarely judged within a reasonable period of time.<sup>64</sup>

42. JS1 also notes that the legal time limits for police custody are frequently disregarded. Furthermore, access to justice is still expensive and the legal aid mechanisms have insufficient funds.<sup>65</sup>

43. OSC reports that impunity has been spreading over the past decades to reach alarming proportions. Perpetrators of violence and human rights violations committed since the beginning of the democratic process in Togo in 1990 have not been identified through independent and credible investigations or, in the cases where the perpetrators are known, they have never been held accountable. Some high-ranking security officials suspected of acts of torture continue to advance in the ranks. Furthermore, according to OSC, the authorities do not make any effort to ensure that victims' complaints to the courts are

investigated and the right to justice is respected.<sup>66</sup> OSC recommends that Togo investigate the complaints submitted by the victims of the 2005 political violence.<sup>67</sup>

44. OSC also notes that ordinary civilians occasionally used their connections with those in power to threaten other individuals or have them arrested; that prefects continue to threaten the population and prohibit demonstrations without any justification; and that heads of companies continue to commit economic crimes without being called to account.<sup>68</sup>

#### **4. Right to privacy, marriage, and family life**

45. CNDH reports that, despite Government and civil society organizations' efforts to raise public awareness of the issue, there is still a problem of low birth registration rates.<sup>69</sup> IIMA notes that this affects the right to education.<sup>70</sup>

46. CNDH deplores the continued adherence to certain social and cultural practices that result, inter alia, in women being denied inheritance rights.<sup>71</sup> OSC adds the issue of forced and early marriages.<sup>72</sup>

47. Joint Submission 2 (JS2) reports that article 88 of the Penal Code criminalizes and punishes impudent acts or crimes against nature with an individual of the same sex.<sup>73</sup> JS2 recommends that the Human Rights Council urges Togo to bring its legislation into conformity with its commitment to equality and non-discrimination, and its international human rights obligations, by repealing all provisions which may be applied to criminalize certain sexual activity between consenting adults.<sup>74</sup>

#### **5. Freedom of movement**

48. OSC notes that article 22 of the Constitution establishes the freedom of movement, but that this right has been violated at certain times by the confiscation of some individuals' passports.<sup>75</sup>

#### **6. Freedom of religion or belief, expression, association and peaceful assembly and right to participate in public and political life**

49. CNDH notes with satisfaction that, despite some attempts to curtail the freedom of the press, there is a degree of freedom of expression. It applauds the Government's efforts, particularly the decriminalization of offences against the press laws.<sup>76</sup>

50. Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) states that the High Authority for Audiovisual and Communication (HAAC) is the country's media regulatory body, while the Togolese Media Observatory (OTM) is the media self-regulatory body, established by the journalists themselves in 1999.<sup>77</sup>

51. OSC reports that despite the 1998 Press and Broadcasting Code Act, which establishes the freedom of press and decriminalizes offences against the press laws, privately-run media are constantly facing impediments to the free exercise of journalism. These difficulties include intimidation, threats, physical aggression, and series of complaints against journalists by the political and the administrative authorities and even by HAAC.<sup>78</sup> In this regard, MFWA notes that a law was adopted in 2009 which gave HAAC more powers than it had initially.<sup>79</sup> OSC cites several examples of complaints, threats, publication bans, and interference by the executive in court cases.<sup>80</sup> MFWA also lists examples of freedom of press violations such as attacks on journalists, arbitrary suspension and revocation of licences and criminal defamation suits.<sup>81</sup> MFWA recommends that Togo amend the Criminal Code, the Press Code and all other legislation which infringes on the freedom of the press and the freedom of expression by repealing criminal defamation; provide a legal framework for accessing information by passing an Access to Information Law; withdraw the repressive media regulatory law introduced in October 2009 which

amended Law 2004-021 of 15 December 15 2004 establishing “HAAC”; and guarantee the safety and protection of journalists and conduct independent investigation of any such attack.<sup>82</sup>

52. CNDH reports that freedom of association is guaranteed by the Togolese Constitution and that recognition of an association is subject to the system of prior declaration, which can create delays.<sup>83</sup> OSC adds that this legal system dates back to the colonial period and should be updated.<sup>84</sup>

53. CNDH states that the Constitution enshrines the principle of the freedom of assembly and public demonstration. In practice, however, the lack of a legal framework and the poor functioning of the administrative courts have made it difficult to verify the legality of some decisions to ban public demonstrations or public assemblies. This was the case of some public demonstrations by political opposition parties and civil society organizations.<sup>85</sup> OSC states that the prohibition also affects demonstrations that are not political.<sup>86</sup>

54. CNDH and OSC recommend that Togo define a legal framework for the exercise of the rights to freedom of assembly and public demonstration. They also recommend that Togo ensure the functioning of the administrative courts.<sup>87</sup>

55. OSC reports that the exercise of the right to participate in decisions on national policy has been evolving in fits and starts, with a number of shortcomings and failures. Issues of concern related to the demarcation of boundaries of electoral districts, the establishment of a reliable electoral roll, voting by Togolese living abroad and the collection and tallying of the ballots have frequently been reasons for contesting the final results.<sup>88</sup>

56. OSC adds that these shortcomings, in conjunction with the lack of independence of the institutions responsible for organizing the elections and settling electoral disputes, particularly the Independent National Electoral Commission and the Constitutional Court, inevitably falsified the election results and hence called into question the legitimacy of the elected officials. OSC further notes that the party in power ostentatiously used State funds during electoral periods, exceeding the budget limits established by law.<sup>89</sup>

57. CNDH deplores the underrepresentation of women in decision-making bodies and recommends that Togo produce a bill establishing a quota for the representation of women in such bodies.<sup>90</sup>

#### **7. Right to work and to just and favourable conditions of work**

58. OSC notes that the right to work is violated by, inter alia, abusive dismissals, nepotism (particularly in recruitment), high unemployment rates, very low wages, the lack of social security, corruption, and poor working conditions.<sup>91</sup>

59. CNDH reports that the private sector, including the industrial export-processing zone, helps to reduce unemployment. CNDH notes however, the violation of workplace rules by companies in the export-processing zone.<sup>92</sup> OSC reports that a new law is under consideration in Parliament.<sup>93</sup> CNDH recommends that Togo take the necessary measures to harmonize the legal framework for labour in the export-processing zone with current national legislation.<sup>94</sup>

#### **8. Right to social security and to an adequate standard of living**

60. IIMA notes with concern that 69 per cent of the Togolese population is living under the poverty line, with a very high poverty rate in rural areas.<sup>95</sup> OSC reports that approximately 82 per cent of persons with disabilities live under the poverty line.<sup>96</sup>



61. OSC reports that access to food is a problem due to the low purchasing power of the population despite government efforts to make food products, particularly cereals, more accessible.<sup>97</sup>

62. OSC notes that the property sector is marked by the absence of regulation, which has resulted in unlawful expropriations of communal property, a lack of housing policies, high rents, uncontrolled occupation of Government-owned land, and property disputes.<sup>98</sup>

63. CNDH notes the Government's efforts with regard to health policies but also the shortage of equipment and of specialized physicians in hospitals (apart from the two university hospitals in Lomé), and that the majority of the population cannot afford adequate health care due to their low purchasing power.<sup>99</sup> OSC recommends that Togo increase the budget allocation for children and women's health care.<sup>100</sup>

64. The Association Femme Plus Togo (AFPT) mentions Act No. 2005-012 on the protection of persons with regard to HIV/AIDS and draws attention to a number of its provisions that protect the rights of infected persons, particularly the provisions regarding discrimination and prevention.<sup>101</sup> AFPT adds, however, that no implementing decree has ever been passed for the act and it has never been invoked before a judge.<sup>102</sup> AFPT recommends that the courts apply the act and it be publicized in local languages.<sup>103</sup> AFPT notes the actions on the behalf of people infected with HIV/AIDS by associations and non-governmental human rights organizations.<sup>104</sup> AFPT also recommends that Togo make funds available to the courts and judicial aides for legal assistance to women living with HIV.<sup>105</sup>

65. OSC reports that some Togolese companies regularly dump waste and garbage into their surrounding environment and that the Government does not take any measures to protect the local population.<sup>106</sup>

## **9. Right to education and to participate in the cultural life of the community**

66. ICCB reports that the rights to education and to vocational training are enshrined in the Constitution and in the Children's Code. Education is mandatory for children of both sexes until the age of 15. ICCB also notes that the abolition of tuition fees for preschools and primary schools has resulted in an increased enrolment rate, which in turn has led to an increase in the education budget.<sup>107</sup> IIMA notes the adoption in 2009 of a sectoral policy declaration on education (DPSE) and in 2010 of a sectoral plan for education (PSE), which both set ambitious goals to be attained by 2020 in the field of education.<sup>108</sup>

67. ICCB notes that there are still many obstacles to attaining Millennium Development Goal 2 by 2015. They include very low levels of access to preschool education, high dropout rates, insufficiently adapted textbooks, lack of textbooks, poorly trained teachers, use of volunteers as teachers, insufficient Government monitoring and guidelines, limited school infrastructure, poor sanitary conditions, child exploitation, and the lack of school cafeterias.<sup>109</sup> IIMA reports similar findings.<sup>110</sup>

68. ICCB recommends that Togo increase the national education budget, implement the main recommendations of the national education policy adopted in 2008, ensure better monitoring and guidance for schools, undertake flexible and proactive practical measures and provide adequate funding to organize primary and secondary school education and ensure that it is free.<sup>111</sup>

69. IIMA also notes that sociocultural and economic factors result in discrimination against young girls in education.<sup>112</sup> IIMA recommends that Togo take the necessary measures to promote girls' emancipation in the collective mentality to give them the same opportunities as men in education, work and society.<sup>113</sup>

70. OSC reports that children with disabilities have difficulty getting into school buildings and accessing work tools, and also reports that there are no appropriate

educational facilities for students with hearing or visual impairments.<sup>114</sup> IIMA reports similar findings, adding that some beliefs made parents reluctant to send their disabled children to school.<sup>115</sup>

### **III. Achievements, best practices, challenges, and constraints**

N/A

### **IV. Key national priorities, initiatives, and commitments**

N/A

### **V. Capacity-building and technical assistance**

N/A

*Notes*

1 The stakeholders listed below have contributed information for this summary; the full texts of all original submissions are available at: [www.ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org). (One asterisk denotes a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. Two asterisks denote a national human rights institution with “A” status)

*Civil society*

AFPT Association Femme Plus Togo, Lomé, Togo;  
ICCB International Catholic Child Bureau, Geneva, Switzerland;  
GIEACPC Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;  
IIMA Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice, Veyrier, Switzerland\*;  
JS1 Joint Submission 1 presented by: International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture\*, Paris, France; Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture-Togo, Lomé, Togo;  
JS2 Joint Submission 2 presented by: ARC International, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) and ILGA-Europe\*, Brussels, Belgium;  
MFWA Media Foundation for West Africa, Accra, Ghana;  
OSC Civil society organisations platform, Lomé, Togo.

*National human rights institution*

CNDH National Human Rights Commission, Lomé, Togo\*\*.

2 JS1 p.1; see also IIMA, para. 1.  
3 OSC, p. 12.  
4 OSC, para. 3.  
5 CNDH, para. 5.  
6 OSC, para. 4.  
7 OSC, para. 4.  
8 CNDH, para. 1.  
9 CNDH, paras. 34–45.  
10 CNDH, para. 41.  
11 JS1, p. 3.  
12 CNDH, para. 28.  
13 OSC, para. 4.  
14 OSC, para. 28.  
15 CNDH, para. 40.  
16 OSC, para. 28.  
17 CNDH, para. 33.; see also OSC, para. 30.  
18 CNDH, para. 40.  
19 OSC, para. 31.  
20 JS1, p. 1; see also OSC, para. 5.  
21 OSC, para. 5.  
22 OSC, para. 5.  
23 CNDH, paras. 14–15.  
24 JS1, p. 2.  
25 JS1, p. 2; see also OSC, para. 7.  
26 JS1, p. 4.  
27 JS1, p. 4.  
28 CNDH, para. 17.  
29 CNDH, para. 37.  
30 CNDH, paras. 7–12; see also OSC, para. 6.  
31 JS1, pp. 2–3.  
32 JS1, p. 3.  
33 OSC, para. 6.  
34 CNDH, para. 13; JS1, p. 3.  
35 OSC, para. 32.  
36 CNDH, para. 36; see also OSC, p. 12.  
37 JS1, p. 3.  
38 OSC, para. 17.  
39 JS1, p. 3.  
40 JS1, p. 2; see also OSC, para. 28.  
41 ICCB, p. 5; see also OSC, para. 29.  
42 ICCB, p. 5.  
43 ICCB, p. 5.  
44 ICCB, p. 6; see also JS1, p. 2.  
45 ICCB, p. 2.  
46 ICCB, p. 2; see also IIMA, para. 25.  
47 ICCB, p. 3.

48 ICCB, p. 5; see also IIMA, para. 25.  
49 ICCB, p. 5; see also IIMA, paras. 23–24.  
50 IIMA, para. 26.  
51 IIMA, paras. 27 and 29 (c).  
52 ICCB, p. 6; see also IIMA para. 29 (a) (b).  
53 GIEACPC, p. 2; ICCB, p. 4.  
54 ICCB, p. 1.  
55 ICCB, p. 2; see also CNDH, para. 40.  
56 ICCB, p. 2; see also CNDH, para. 40.  
57 ICCB, p. 1; see also CNDH, para. 29; OSC, para. 29  
58 ICCB, p. 2.  
59 ICCB, p. 1.  
60 JS1, p. 4; see also OSC, para. 16.  
61 JS1, p. 4.  
62 OSC, para. 16.  
63 JS1, p. 4; see also OSC, para. 17.  
64 OSC, para. 17.  
65 JS1, p. 4; see also OSC, para. 6.  
66 OSC, para. 18.  
67 OSC, p. 12.  
68 OSC, para. 19.  
69 CNDH, para. 30.  
70 IIMA, para. 8.  
71 CNDH, para. 32.  
72 CNDH, para. 28.  
73 JS2, p. 1.  
74 JS2, p. 3.  
75 OSC, para. 26.  
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