The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to the Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva and has the honour to inform that the Committee against Torture is preparing a revised general comment “on the implementation of article 3 of the Convention in the context of article 22”.

The Committee has developed the draft revised general comment and has decided to hold a general discussion thereon on Friday, 28 April 2017, from 10 am to 1 pm, in Palais des Nations, Room XIX, to allow for broad consultation with relevant stakeholders, including States parties to the Convention.

The draft and the information on the general discussion are now available on the webpage of the Committee - http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CAT/Pages/GCArticle3.aspx. Translations of the draft will be made available in due course. States parties are welcome to submit their inputs in writing, and/or to participate in the general discussion.

States parties to the Convention wishing to make contributions on the draft revised general comment, are invited to submit these in one of the Committee’s working languages (English, French or Spanish) to the following address: catgeneraldiscussion@ohchr.org before 31 March 2017 (with the subject line “Submission to Revised GC 1”). The Committee would appreciate if the contributions were limited to five pages.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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