



**Convention against Torture  
and Other Cruel, Inhuman  
or Degrading Treatment  
or Punishment**

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**Committee against Torture**

**List of issues prior to submission of the sixth periodic report  
of Croatia\***

**Specific information on the implementation of articles 1-16 of the  
Convention, including with regard to the Committee's previous  
recommendations**

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**Article 2**

4. With reference to the Committee's previous concluding observations (para. 16), please provide information on:

(a) Whether domestic violence continues to be defined as a misdemeanour in some cases, despite its criminalization in the Criminal Code;

(b) Whether victims of domestic violence continue to be arrested and even charged along with the perpetrator under the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence;

(c) Whether police officers who respond to domestic violence calls and misdemeanour judges who handle domestic violence cases have received specific training in order to be able to respond adequately and to identify the predominant aggressor under the Law cited above;

(d) Whether steps have been taken to ensure that all allegations of violence are investigated promptly, thoroughly and effectively and that perpetrators are held accountable and brought to justice;

(e) Whether mechanisms have been put in place to encourage female victims of violence to come forward and whether the State party has taken steps to ensure that adequate shelters are available for female victims of domestic violence and whether they obtain adequate redress, including compensation and rehabilitation.