



OMCT

SOS-Torture Network

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

**TORTURE & TERRORISM
WORKING GROUP**

Created in 1985, the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) is today the main coalition of non-governmental organisations (NGO) fighting against torture, summary executions, enforced disappearances and all other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. The OMCT, working since 1985 to strengthen the anti-torture movement through its civil society network, now aims to accompany, connect, reinforce, and better protect anti-torture organizations around the world, especially those operating in the midst of these corrosive discourses. Thanks to our members in the General Assembly and Executive Council, the OMCT International Secretariat (with offices in Geneva and Brussels), as well as our Tunisia office, now stands to benefit from a wide range of expertise and field experiences from all continents on this key issue.

To reinforce those dynamics, for the first time in its 30-year history the OMCT is launching several thematic working groups, among them the “Torture & Terrorism” Working Group. This Working Group, by creating a space to exchange experiences, initially among a core group of 10-12 anti-torture organizations from all over the world, aims to provide strategic guidance, advice, and support collective work by our SOS-Torture Network Members dealing with issues related to defending the absolute prohibition of torture while countering terrorism.

The Working Group’s work will not only gather together the OMCTs members’ work on this issue, but will bring in and build out the broader anti-torture movement’s contributions, so that outcomes can concretely contribute to reinforcing the global anti-torture movement in its entirety.

This Working Group will be developed under the patronage of Ms Hina Jilani, OMCT President, Professor Nils Melzer, Special Rapporteur on Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and Ms. Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism.

The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 2018/January 2019 in Tunis.

The present document describes the selection process and contains the following annexes:

- Working group terms of reference;
- Templates of motivation letter;
- Template of letter of engagement.

1. How to Apply ?

All documentation can be found attached to this document and/or can be downloaded from our website. The application materials can be completed either in English or French. Completed applications should be addressed to Camille Henry at the following address: ch@omct.org. The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday 26th October 2018**.

2. Who can apply?

- Members of the SOS torture network as well as prospective members and strategic partners;
- For practical and financial reasons, this working group will only be able to work in two languages (English/ French). We strongly encourage those who master at least one or two of these languages to apply.

3. How is the selection process going to work ?

- Consideration of the submissions and establishment of a shortlist list of candidate members;
- Evaluation and pre-selection according to pre-established criteria: the selection process will seek to ensure geographical, gender and age balance as well as complementarity among professional profiles and field experiences;
- Pre-selection presented to a Selection Committee reporting to the Board for final approval;
- Information to the organizations selected;
- Publication on the OMCT website.

4. Reference material

Working Group terms of references.

5. Documents to be supplied in order to apply

An application will be considered eligible only if all the documents are filled and send:

- Motivation letter completed by the NGO;
- CV of the NGO representative;
- Letter of engagement signed by the person you designated as your representative in this working group.

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