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COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY:

Criteria for Composition, Terms of Reference and Procedure

1. Those entrusted with the conduct of the inquiry should be chosen for their recognized impartiality, independence and competence with regard to the issues to be considered. The Commission members should be independent of the institutions or agencies under investigation. Their personal safety should be ensured.
2. The commission of inquiry's mandate should be publicly announced at the time of its creation. The scope of the mandate should include:

- investigation of past events and reasons for their occurrence;
- consideration of the appropriateness of compensation to victims;
- consideration of future changes needed in law, administrative procedures and practice; training and accountability of personnel; facilities; etc.

The mandate should be formulated in such a way that it does not prevent the commission from examining other matters which appear during the inquiry to be material to the issues under investigation.

3. The commission should have the authority to obtain all information necessary to its inquiry. It should have the power:

- to ensure the attendance and cooperation of witnesses;
- to obtain physical evidence, including government records and medical records;
- to conduct on-site investigative visits and interviews;
- to receive written submissions from unavailable witnesses;
- to receive evidence from witnesses and organisations located outside the country who wish to submit information either through their personal attendance, written submissions, or interviews conducted abroad.

The commission should have adequate investigative, administrative and clerical staff composed of individuals who are competent and independent of the institutions or agencies under investigation.

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