**Training of Trainers Programme on the prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment**

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Article 7(1) of the Republic of Mauritius provides that ‘No person shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading punishment or other such treatment.’ Additionally, Mauritius is party to core international and regional human rights instruments that prohibit the use of torture and other forms of ill-treatment and provide protection for persons deprived of their liberty.

Responding to its commitment to combat torture, the Government of Mauritius requested that the Commonwealth Secretariat deliver a comprehensive training for senior officials in the Police and Prisons Departments.

The training will briefly set out applicable international human rights legal norms and standards that are relevant to the prevention of torture. Through presentations, interactive discussion, exercises and role-playing scenarios, the training will then provide the police and prisons services practical skills to prevent torture which they can incorporate into their strategies and everyday practice. Amongst the issues to be covered are methods of interrogation and interviewing that contribute to the prevention of torture; legal and procedural safeguards; and the particular needs of vulnerable groups when deprived of their liberty.