**Awareness Sessions on the Conventtion Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Protocol for Mauritius Police Force Cadets**

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Torture is regarded as amongst the most heinous crimes known to humanity. It is a profound concern of the international community, and its prohibition is firmly established under international law. Police and other law enforcement officials play a vital role in the protection of human rights, and in serving the community and protecting all persons against acts of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

With a view to strengthening cadets’ understanding of and capacity to prevent torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, this lecture will underscore the ways in which police are guardians of human rights in the conduct of their duties, serving communities and maintaining public safety. Good policing practices will be shared, including on methods of interrogation and interviewing that contribute to the prevention of torture. The learnings will assist cadets in their important roles. Cadets will also be provided with an overview of the working session with senior law enforcement officials that will follow later in the week.