

Country File

AFGHANISTAN



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Region	Asia and Pacific
Legal system	Civil law/Islamic law
UNCAT Ratification/ Accession (a)/ Succession (d)	1 April 1987
Relevant Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constitution of 26 January 2004
Relevant Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prohibition of torture: Article 29 of the Constitution• Definition of torture:• Penalties:• Others:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Exclusion of Evidence: Article 30 of the Constitution
Languages Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English
Other Relevant Information	

Relevant Articles – AFGHANISTAN

ENGLISH (Translation)

Constitution of 26 January 2004

Article 29

Persecution of human beings shall be forbidden. No one shall be allowed to order torture, even for discovering the truth from another individual who is under investigation, arrest, detention or has been convicted to be punished. Punishment contrary to human dignity shall be prohibited.

Article 30

A statement, confession or testimony obtained from an accused or of another individual by means of compulsion shall be invalid. Confession to a crime is a voluntary admission before an authorized court by an accused in a sound state of mind.