

## INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Human rights law focuses on preserving the dignity and well-being of every individual. Acknowledging the complementary nature of international refugee and human rights law and considering the multifaceted linkages between refugee issues and human rights the following chapter offer a compilation of human rights norms and instruments which are of particular relevance for the protection of refugees, asylum-seekers and other persons of concern.

### **Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment<sup>1</sup>**

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#### *Selected Provision*

##### Article 3

1. No State Party shall expel, return ("*refouler*") or extradite a person to another State where there are substantial grounds for believing that he would be in danger of being subjected to torture.
2. For the purpose of determining whether there are such grounds, the competent authorities shall take into account all relevant considerations including, where applicable, the existence in the State concerned of a consistent pattern of gross, flagrant or mass violations of human rights.

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<sup>1</sup> 213 United Nations Treaty Series 221. <http://www.ohchr.org/english/law/cat.htm>.