

Country File
HUNGARY



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Region	Europe
Legal system	Civil Law
UNCAT Ratification/ Accession (a)/ Succession (d)	15 April 1987
Relevant Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution of 1949 (Act No. XX, 1949) • Criminal Code of 1978 (Act No. IV, 1978) • Act on the Police of 1994 (Act No. XXXIV, 1994)
Relevant Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibition of Torture: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Article 54 of the Constitution 2. Section 16 of the Act on the Police • Definition of Torture: • Penalties: Section 227 of the Criminal Code • Others: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibition of coerced confession: Section 227 of the Criminal Code.
Languages Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English
Other Relevant Information	

Relevant Articles – HUNGARY

ENGLISH (Translation)

Constitution of 1949 (Act No. XX, 1949)

Article 54

(1) In the Republic of Hungary everyone has the inherent right to life and to human dignity. No one shall be arbitrarily denied of these rights.

(2) No one shall be subject to torture or to cruel, inhuman or humiliating treatment or punishment. Under no circumstances shall anyone be subjected to medical or scientific experiments without his prior consent.

Criminal Code of 1978 (Act No. IV, 1978)

Section 227 Forced Interrogation

The official person who - with the aim of forcing a confession or declaration - applies violence, menace, or other similar methods, commits a felony, and shall be punishable with imprisonment of up to five years.

Act on the Police of 1994 (Act No. XXXIV, 1994)

Section 16

1. ...

3. The Police Officer shall not apply torture, interrogation under coercion, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and shall refuse to execute instructions to apply such treatment. The Police Officer shall take measures against a person to prevent such behaviour irrespective of the service assignment, rank or identity of that person.