MEMO TO THE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE PREVENTION OF TORTURE (SPT)

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TO	SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE PREVENTION OF TORTURE
SUBJECT	MEMO 3 – HOW TO USE THE SPT DROPBOX
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This memo provides and overview of the online drop box which stores documents useful for the Sub-Committee on the Prevention of Torture (SPT) for the upcoming visit to Liberia.

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SPT Drop Box – Overview of Documents in Folders and Sub-folders

Liberian Constitution

- Constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Liberian Laws and Regulations

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- County Development Reports
  - In this section, there are government reports for each of the 15 counties.

- Custody Updates
  - In this section, there are a number of reports from specific Liberian prisons and detention facilities.

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- *Memo 2 – Preparation for the Site Visit*
- *Memo 3 – How to use the SPT drop box*
- *Compilation of UNMIL Reports on Liberian Detention Facilities* (included in Memo 2)
- *Breakdown of Data in Prisoner Status Spreadsheets* (included in Memo 2)