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**Best-Practices Matrix – Preliminary Findings
Safeguards for the Prevention of
Torture and Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment**

| Definition of Factual Detention / Custody | |
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| Best Practice | |
| Practice | Country |
| Detention is “moment of factual detention” When a detainee is registered – registration must denote both the time of factual detention and the time of entrance into detention facility | Bulgaria |
| Moment when a person’s liberty is limited in any significant way | United States |

| Notice of Rights | |
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| Best Practice | |
| Practice | Country |
| Rights must be read orally at moment of factual detention And Rights must be given in writing to the detainee upon entrance to a detention facility | Bulgaria |
| Rights must be read orally prior to any custodial interrogation Failure to do so results in any evidence obtained during the interrogation being excluded from the subsequent trial | United States |
| A written copy of the Detainee’s rights must be given immediately upon arrest | Georgia |

| Medical Examinations | |
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| Best Practice | |
| Practice | Country |
| <p>Mandatory medical examinations of prisoners in each case of taking and returning of the person from the penitentiary establishment, except for his or her taking or returning from the Court hearing</p> <p>Medical Examiners were moved from under the supervision of the Ministry of Justice to an independent legal entity</p> <p>All injuries found must be recorded in the Daily Notes which are transferred to the Human Rights Units and the Unit of Georgia</p> | Georgia |
| Additional Option | |
| Practice | Country |
| <p>Every detainee has the right to a medical examination upon entrance to the detention facility</p> <p>Reports of injuries must be made to prosecutor and the General Directorate for the Execution of Punishments</p> | |
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