



**Convention against Torture
and Other Cruel, Inhuman
or Degrading Treatment
or Punishment**

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Committee against Torture

**Decision adopted by the Committee under article 22 of the
Convention, concerning communication No. 815/2017^{*}, ^{**}**

<i>Communication submitted by:</i>	Vasanthakumar Balakrishnan (represented by counsel, John Sweeney)
<i>Alleged victim:</i>	The complainant
<i>State party:</i>	Australia
<i>Date of complaint:</i>	24 January 2017 (initial submission)
<i>Substantive issue:</i>	Risk of torture upon deportation to Sri Lanka

At its meeting on 15 November 2019, the Committee, not having received comments from the complainant's counsel on the State party's observations, despite sending a reminder to that effect, and taking into account that the counsel subsequently withdrew the complaint because he lost contact with the complainant, decided to discontinue the examination of communication No. 815/2017.

^{*} Adopted by the Committee at its sixty-eighth session (11 November–6 December 2019).
^{**} The following members of the Committee participated in the examination of the communication:
Essadia Belmir, Felice Gaer, Abdelwahab Hani, Claude Heller Rouassant, Jens Modvig, Ana Racu,
Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón, Sébastien Touzé and Bakhtiyar Tuzmukhamedov.

