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Global Status of ratifications, signatures and NPM designations Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture

84 States Parties, of which 65 have designated their NPM

15 States Signatories

📍 Africa

19 States Parties	Date of ratification	7 NPMs designated
Benin	September 20, 2006	Under Consideration
Burkina Faso	July 7, 2010	National Observer for the Prevention of Torture
Burundi	October 18, 2013	Under consideration
Cape Verde	April 1, 2016	
Central African Republic	October 11, 2016	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	September 23, 2010	Under Consideration
Gabon	September 22, 2010	Under Consideration
Ghana	September 23, 2016	Under consideration
Liberia	September 22, 2004	Under Consideration
Madagascar	September 21, 2017	
Mali	May 12, 2005	National Human Rights Commission (Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme)
Mauritius	June 21, 2005	National Human Rights Commission
Mozambique	July 1, 2014	National Human Rights Commission (Comissão dos Direitos Humanos)
Niger	November 7, 2014	
Nigeria	July 27, 2009	National Committee on Torture
Rwanda	June 30, 2015	Under consideration
Senegal	October 18, 2006	National Observer of Places of Deprivation of



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[Liberty](#)

South Sudan April 30, 2015

Togo July 20, 2010 [National Human Rights Commission](#) (Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme)

Americas

15 States Parties

Date of ratification

14 NPMs designated

Argentina November 15, 2004 National System to Prevent Torture, comprising: National Committee for the Prevention of Torture (composed of 13 members, including the Ombudsperson for Federal Prisons (Procurador Penitenciario de la Nación); a Federal Council of Local Preventive Mechanisms; Local preventive mechanisms (to be designated) in each of the 24 provinces; and public institutions and NGOs interested in the compliance of the OPCAT's goals.

Belize September 4, 2015

Bolivia May 23, 2006 Service for the Prevention of Torture

Brazil January 12, 2007 [National System to Prevent and Combat Torture](#)

Chile December 12, 2008 [National Human Rights Institute](#) (Instituto Nacional de Derechos Humanos)

Costa Rica December 1, 2005 Decentralised unit within [Ombudsperson's Office](#) (Defensoría de los Habitantes)

Ecuador July 20, 2010 [Ombudsperson's Office](#) (Defensoría del Pueblo)

Guatemala June 9, 2008 National Office to Prevent Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment

Honduras May 23, 2006 [National Committee for the Prevention Against Torture \(CONAPREV\)](#)

Mexico April 11, 2005 [National Human Rights Commission](#) (Tercera Visitaduría)

Nicaragua February 25, 2009 [Ombudsperson's Office](#) (Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos)



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Panama	June 2, 2011	Ombuds Institution
Paraguay	December 2, 2005	National Preventive Mechanism against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
Peru	September 14, 2006	Ombudsperson's Office (Defensoría del Pueblo)
Uruguay	December 8, 2005	National Human Rights Institution and Ombuds Institution (Institución Nacional de Derechos Humanos y Defensoría del Pueblo)

Asia Pacific

6 States Parties	Date of ratification	3 NPMs designated
Cambodia	March 30, 2007	Inter-governmental committee
Maldives	February 15, 2006	National Human Rights Commission
Mongolia	February 12, 2015	Under consideration
Nauru	January 24, 2013	Under Consideration
New Zealand	March 14, 2007	5 different bodies coordinated by the Human Rights Commission (central NPM), and including the Office of the Ombudsman , the Independent Police Conduct Authority , the Office of the Children's Commissioner and the Inspector of Service Penal Establishments of the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Armed Forces.
Philippines	April 17, 2012	Under Consideration

Europe & Central Asia

40 States Parties	Date of ratification	39 NPMs designated
Albania	October 1, 2003	People's Advocate (Avokati i Popullit)
Armenia	September 14, 2006	Human Rights Defender
Austria	December 4, 2012	Austrian Ombudsman Board (Volksanwaltschaft)
Azerbaijan	January 28, 2009	Commissioner for Human Rights



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Bosnia and Herzegovina	October 24, 2008	Under Consideration
Bulgaria	June 1, 2011	Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria
Croatia	April 25, 2005	Ombudswoman , in cooperation with representatives of the academic community and human rights NGOs
Cyprus	April 29, 2009	Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights
Czech Republic	July 10, 2006	Public Defender of Rights
Denmark	June 25, 2004	Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman , in collaboration with DIGNITY (NGO) and the Danish Institute for Human Rights (National Human Rights Institution)
Estonia	December 18, 2006	Chancellor of Justice
Finland	October 8, 2014	Parliamentary Ombudsperson's Office
France	November 11, 2008	General Controller of Places of Deprivation of Liberty (Contrôleur général des lieux de privation de liberté)
Georgia	August 9, 2005	Public Defender
Germany	December 4, 2008	National Agency for the Prevention of Torture , comprising: - Federal Agency for the Prevention of Torture (Bundesstelle zur Verhütung von Folter); and - Joint Commission of the Länder (Länderkommission zur Verhütung von Folter)
Greece	February 11, 2014	Ombudsperson's Office
Hungary	January 12, 2012	Commissioner for Fundamental Rights
Italy	April 3, 2013	National Authority (Garante nazionale) for the rights of persons deprived of liberty
Kazakhstan	October 22, 2008	Commissioner for Human Rights , in cooperation with public monitoring commissions and civil society
Kyrgyzstan	December 29, 2008	National Center for the Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment



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Liechtenstein	November 3, 2006	Corrections Commission (Vollzugskommission)
Lithuania	January 20, 2014	Parliamentary Ombudsperson's Office (Seimas Ombudsmen's Office)
Luxembourg	May 19, 2010	Ombudsperson's Office (Médiateure du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg)
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	February 13, 2009	Ombudsperson's Office
Malta	September 24, 2003	Two Boards: - Board of Visitors for Detained Persons - Board of Visitors of the Prisons
Moldova	July 24, 2006	Council for the Prevention of Torture, composed of 7 members, including the Ombudsperson (Moldovan Centre for Human Rights), the Ombudsperson for children and 5 members proposed by the civil society.
Montenegro	March 6, 2009	Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms
Netherlands	September 28, 2010	4 bodies are designated as the NPM: the Inspectorate of Security and Justice (IVenJ), which also acts as coordinating body; the Health Care Inspectorate (IGZ); the Inspectorate for Youth Care (IJZ); and the Council for the Administration of Criminal Justice and Protection of Juveniles (RSJ).
Norway	June 27, 2013	Parliamentary Ombudsman
Poland	September 14, 2005	Commissioner for Human Rights
Portugal	January 15, 2013	Ombudsperson's Office (Provedor de Justiça)
Romania	July 2, 2009	The People's Advocate
Serbia	September 26, 2006	Protector of Citizens , in cooperation with the ombudsperson's offices from the autonomous provinces and human rights associations
Slovenia	January 23, 2007	Human Rights Ombudsman , in collaboration with NGOs (Slovenian Red Cross , Legal Information Center for NGOs, Primus Institute, Slovenian Federation of Pensioners' Organisations and Novi paradoks)
Spain	April 4, 2006	Ombudsperson's Office (Defensoría del Pueblo)
Sweden	September 14, 2005	Parliamentary Ombudsmen (Riksdagens)



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Switzerland	September 24, 2009	National Commission for the Prevention of Torture (Commission nationale pour la prévention de la torture)
Turkey	September 27, 2011	National Human Rights Institution
Ukraine	September 19, 2006	Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights in collaboration with an Expert Council, human rights NGOs and individual monitors (website of public monitors).
United Kingdom	December 10, 2003	21 bodies were designated as part of the UK NPM , coordinated by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons - Click for a complete list

📌 Middle East & North Africa

4 States Parties	Date of ratification	2 NPMs designated
Lebanon	December 22, 2008	Under Consideration
Mauritania	October 3, 2012	National Preventive Mechanism
Morocco	November 24, 2014	Under consideration
Tunisia	June 29, 2011	National Authority for the Prevention of Torture

15 States Signatories

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9 States Signatories	Date of signature
Angola	September 24, 2013
Cameroon	December 15, 2009
Chad	September 26, 2012
Congo, Republic of	September 29, 2008
Guinea	September 16, 2005



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Guinea-Bissau	September 24, 2013
Sierra Leone	September 26, 2003
South Africa	September 20, 2006
Zambia	September 27, 2010

Americas

1 States Signatories	Date of signature
Venezuela	July 1, 2011

Asia Pacific

2 States Signatories	Date of signature
Australia	May 19, 2009
Timor-Leste	September 16, 2005

Europe & Central Asia

3 States Signatories	Date of signature
Belgium	October 24, 2005
Iceland	September 24, 2003
Ireland	October 2, 2007

Middle East & North Africa

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