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There are currently 84 States Parties to the OPCAT, of which 65 States have designated their NPM

📍 Africa

Country	Ratification Date	NPM Options	NPM Type
Burkina Faso	July 7, 2010	National Observer for the Prevention of Torture	New Specialised Institution
Mali	May 12, 2005	National Human Rights Commission (Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme)	National Human Rights Commission
Mauritius	June 21, 2005	National Human Rights Commission	National Human Rights Commission
Mozambique	July 1, 2014	National Human Rights Commission (Comissão dos Direitos Humanos)	National Human Rights Commission
Nigeria	July 27, 2009	National Committee on Torture	New Specialised Institution
Senegal	October 18, 2006	National Observer of Places of Deprivation of Liberty	New Specialised Institution
Togo	July 20, 2010	National Human Rights Commission (Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme)	National Human Rights Commission

📍 Americas

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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.	National Preventive System in Federal State
Bolivia	May 23, 2006	Service for the Prevention of Torture	New Specialised Institution
Brazil	January 12, 2007	National System to Prevent and Combat Torture	National Preventive System in Federal State
Chile	December 12, 2008	National Human Rights Institute (Instituto Nacional de Derechos Humanos)	National Human Rights Commission



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Costa Rica	December 1, 2005	Decentralised unit within Ombudsperson's Office (Defensoría de los Habitantes)	Ombuds Institution
Ecuador	July 20, 2010	Ombudsperson's Office (Defensoría del Pueblo)	Ombuds Institution
Guatemala	June 9, 2008	National Office to Prevent Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment	New Specialised Institution
Honduras	May 23, 2006	National Committee for the Prevention Against Torture (CONAPREV)	New Specialised Institution
Mexico	April 11, 2005	National Human Rights Commission (Tercera Visitaduría)	Ombuds Institution
Nicaragua	February 25, 2009	Ombudsperson's Office (Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos)	Ombuds Institution
Panama	June 2, 2011	Ombuds Institution	Ombuds Institution
Paraguay	December 2, 2005	National Preventive Mechanism against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	New Specialised Institution
Peru	September 14, 2006	Ombudsperson's Office (Defensoría del Pueblo)	Ombuds Institution
Uruguay	December 8, 2005	National Human Rights Institution and Ombuds Institution (Institución Nacional de Derechos Humanos y Defensoría del Pueblo)	National Human Rights Commission

Asia Pacific

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Cambodia	March 30, 2007	Inter-governmental committee	Other: Inter-governmental Body
Maldives	February 15, 2006	National Human Rights Commission	National Human Rights Commission
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.	Multiple Institutions

Europe & Central Asia



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Albania	October 1, 2003	People's Advocate (Avokati i Popullit)	Ombuds Institution
Armenia	September 14, 2006	Human Rights Defender	Ombuds Institution
Austria	December 4, 2012	Austrian Ombudsman Board (Volksanwaltschaft)	Ombuds Institution
Azerbaijan	January 28, 2009	Commissioner for Human Rights	Ombuds Institution
Bulgaria	June 1, 2011	Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria	Ombuds Institution
Croatia	April 25, 2005	Ombudswoman , in cooperation with representatives of the academic community and human rights NGOs	Ombuds Institution
Cyprus	April 29, 2009	Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights	Ombuds Institution
Czech Republic	July 10, 2006	Public Defender of Rights	Ombuds Institution
Denmark	June 25, 2004	Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman , in collaboration with DIGNITY (NGO) and the Danish Institute for Human Rights (National Human Rights Institution)	Ombuds Plus Institution
Estonia	December 18, 2006	Chancellor of Justice	Ombuds Institution
Finland	October 8, 2014	Parliamentary Ombudsperson's Office	Ombuds Institution
France	November 11, 2008	General Controller of Places of Deprivation of Liberty (Contrôle général des lieux de privation de liberté)	New Specialised Institution
Georgia	August 9, 2005	Public Defender	Ombuds Institution
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)	New Specialised Institution
Greece	February 11, 2014	Ombudsperson's Office	Ombuds Institution
Hungary	January 12, 2012	Commissioner for Fundamental Rights	Ombuds Institution



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Italy	April 3, 2013	National Authority (Garante nazionale) for the rights of persons deprived of liberty	New Specialised Institution
Kazakhstan	October 22, 2008	Commissioner for Human Rights , in cooperation with public monitoring commissions and civil society	Ombuds Plus Institution
Kyrgyzstan	December 29, 2008	National Center for the Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	New Specialised Institution
Liechtenstein	November 3, 2006	Corrections Commission (Vollzugskommission)	New Specialised Institution
Lithuania	January 20, 2014	Parliamentary Ombudsperson's Office (Seimas Ombudsmen's Office)	Ombuds Institution
Luxembourg	May 19, 2010	Ombudsperson's Office (Médiateure du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg)	Ombuds Institution
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	February 13, 2009	Ombudsperson's Office	Ombuds Institution
Malta	September 24, 2003	Two Boards: - Board of Visitors for Detained Persons - Board of Visitors of the Prisons	Multiple Institutions
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.	Ombuds Plus Institution
Montenegro	March 6, 2009	Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms	Ombuds Institution
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).	Multiple Institutions
Norway	June 27, 2013	Parliamentary Ombudsman	Ombuds Institution
Poland	September 14, 2005	Commissioner for Human Rights	Ombuds Institution
Portugal	January 15, 2013	Ombudsperson's Office (Provedor de Justiça)	Ombuds Institution
Romania	July 2, 2009	The People's Advocate	Ombuds Institution



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Serbia	September 26, 2006	Protector of Citizens , in cooperation with the ombudsperson's offices from the autonomous provinces and human rights associations	Ombuds Plus Institution
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)	Ombuds Plus Institution
Spain	April 4, 2006	Ombudsperson's Office (Defensoría del Pueblo)	Ombuds Institution
Sweden	September 14, 2005	Parliamentary Ombudsmen (Riksdagens Ombudsmän)	Ombuds Institution
Switzerland	September 24, 2009	National Commission for the Prevention of Torture (Commission nationale pour la prévention de la torture)	New Specialised Institution
Turkey	September 27, 2011	National Human Rights Institution	National Human Rights Commission
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).	Ombuds Plus Institution
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	Multiple Institutions

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Mauritania	October 3, 2012	National Preventive Mechanism	New Specialised Institution
Tunisia	June 29, 2011	National Authority for the Prevention of Torture	New Specialised Institution