

Republic of Slovenia
The Law on Ratification of the OPCAT
Unofficial translation

Article 1

With this law, OP CAT, which was passed by the UN GA on the 57th session on December 18 2002, is being ratified.

Article 2

The text of the protocol in its English original and Slovenian translation is as follows:
[Inserted: OPCAT text in English and Slovenian.]

Article 3

Ministry of Justice is responsible for the execution of the protocol.

Article 4

Republic of Slovenia gives the following statement in accord with the 17th Article of the protocol: "The jurisdiction (powers) and responsibilities of the NPM according to the OP CAT's 17th Article are executed by the Ombudsman of Republic of Slovenia (Varuh clovekovih pravic RS), and in agreement with him, NGOs registered in Republic of Slovenia and organizations which have acquired the status of a humanitarian organization in R.Slovenia"

Article 5

The jurisdiction (powers) and responsibilities of the NPM according to the OPCAT are executed by the Ombudsman of Republic of Slovenia (Varuh clovekovih pravic RS). When monitoring places of limitations of freedom of movement and monitoring treatment of persons with limited freedom of movement, NGOs registered in the Republic of Slovenia and organizations which have acquired the status of a humanitarian organization in the Republic of Slovenia and who deal with human rights issues – especially with torture and other inhumane and degrading punishment and behaviour prevention – may cooperate with the Ombudsman in execution of tasks and responsibilities of the protocol.

Organizations, which will participate in the execution of jurisdiction (powers) and responsibilities according to the previous paragraph, are selected on the basis of a public tender published by the Ombudsman, who also selects the organizations. The contents of the public tender must be in line with the 4th Article of this law and subordinate legal acts, based on the 4th Article of this law.

Persons from selected organizations which will cooperate in the execution of jurisdiction (powers) and responsibilities of the NPM according to the protocol, must give a written statement beforehand, that they will act on Ombudsman's instructions and act on legislation of protection of personal and secret information when executing jurisdiction (powers) and responsibilities, as is applied to the Ombudsman himself/herself, his/hers deputies and his/hers employees.

Needed expenses and rewards to persons from selected organizations which will cooperate in the execution of jurisdiction (powers) and responsibilities according to the first paragraph, are paid by the Ombudsman from his/hers budget according to a special regulation, which is issued by the Ombudsman and confirmed before publication by the minister in charge of finances. The regulation is published in the Official Gazette.

Article 6

This law comes to force on January 1 2007.