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There are currently 90 States Parties to the OPCAT, of which 71 States have designated their NPM

Multiple Institutions

Country	Ratification Date	NPM Options
Malta	September 24, 2003	Two Boards: - Board of Visitors for Detained Persons - Board of Visitors of the Prisons
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).
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.
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

National Human Rights Commission

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Cape Verde	April 1, 2016	National Human Rights Commission
Chile	December 12, 2008	National Human Rights Institute (Instituto Nacional de Derechos Humanos)
Lebanon	December 22, 2008	National Commission for Human Rights
Maldives	February 15, 2006	National Human Rights Commission
Mali	May 12, 2005	National Human Rights Commission (Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme)
Mauritius	June 21, 2005	National Human Rights Commission
Morocco	November 24, 2014	National Human Rights Council (Conseil national des droits de l'Homme)
Mozambique	July 1, 2014	National Human Rights Commission (Comissão dos Direitos Humanos)



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Rwanda	June 30, 2015	National Commission for Human Rights of Rwanda
Sri Lanka	December 5, 2017	Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka
Togo	July 20, 2010	National Human Rights Commission (Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme)
Turkey	September 27, 2011	National Human Rights Institution
Uruguay	December 8, 2005	National Human Rights Institution and Ombuds Institution (Institución Nacional de Derechos Humanos y Defensoría del Pueblo)

National Preventive System in Federal State

Country	Ratification Date	NPM Options
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.
Brazil	January 12, 2007	National System to Prevent and Combat Torture

New Specialised Institution

Country	Ratification Date	NPM Options
Bolivia	May 23, 2006	Service for the Prevention of Torture
Burkina Faso	July 7, 2010	National Observer for the Prevention of Torture
France	November 11, 2008	General Controller of Places of Deprivation of Liberty (Contrôleur général des lieux de privation de liberté)
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)
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)



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Italy	April 3, 2013	National Authority (Garante nazionale) for the rights of persons deprived of liberty
Kyrgyzstan	December 29, 2008	National Center for the Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
Liechtenstein	November 3, 2006	Corrections Commission (Vollzugskommission)
Mauritania	October 3, 2012	National Preventive Mechanism
Nigeria	July 27, 2009	National Committee on Torture
Paraguay	December 2, 2005	National Preventive Mechanism against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
Senegal	October 18, 2006	National Observer of Places of Deprivation of Liberty
Switzerland	September 24, 2009	National Commission for the Prevention of Torture (Commission nationale pour la prévention de la torture)
Tunisia	June 29, 2011	National Authority for the Prevention of Torture

Ombuds Institution

Country	Ratification Date	NPM Options
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
Bulgaria	June 1, 2011	Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria
Costa Rica	December 1, 2005	Decentralised unit within Ombudsperson's Office (Defensoría de los Habitantes)
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	July 10, 2006	Public Defender of Rights



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Republic

Ecuador	July 20, 2010	Ombudsperson's Office (Defensoría del Pueblo)
Estonia	December 18, 2006	Chancellor of Justice
Finland	October 8, 2014	Parliamentary Ombudsperson's Office
Georgia	August 9, 2005	Public Defender
Greece	February 11, 2014	Ombudsperson's Office
Hungary	January 12, 2012	Commissioner for Fundamental Rights
Iceland	February 20, 2019	Parliamentary Ombudsman
Lithuania	January 20, 2014	Parliamentary Ombudsperson's Office (Seimas Ombudsmen's Office)
Luxembourg	May 19, 2010	Ombudsperson's Office (Médiateur du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg)
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	February 13, 2009	Ombudsperson's Office
Mexico	April 11, 2005	National Human Rights Commission
Montenegro	March 6, 2009	Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms
Nicaragua	February 25, 2009	Ombudsperson's Office (Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos)
Norway	June 27, 2013	Parliamentary Ombudsman
Panama	June 2, 2011	Ombuds Institution
Peru	September 14, 2006	Ombudsperson's Office (Defensoría del Pueblo)
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
Spain	April 4, 2006	Ombudsperson's Office (Defensoría del Pueblo)



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Sweden September 14, 2005 [Parliamentary Ombudsmen](#) (Riksdagens Ombudsmän)

Ombuds Plus Institution

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Denmark	June 25, 2004	Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman , in collaboration with DIGNITY (NGO) and the Danish Institute for Human Rights (National Human Rights Institution)
Kazakhstan	October 22, 2008	Commissioner for Human Rights , in cooperation with public monitoring commissions and civil society
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.
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)
Ukraine	September 19, 2006	Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights in collaboration with an Expert Council, human rights NGOs and individual monitors.

Other: Inter-governmental Body

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Cambodia	March 30, 2007	Inter-governmental committee