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Belgium

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OPCAT status

OPCAT Signature : October 24, 2005

UNCAT Ratification : June 25, 1999

NPM Designated :

Under Consideration

Information

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CAT: [Concluding Observations](#) (January 2014)

CPT: [Visit Report](#) (September-October 2013). [Report](#) of ad-hoc visit in May 2016. Latest visit in March-April 2017 ([News Flash](#))

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OPCAT Situation

Belgium signed the OPCAT in October 2005 and discussions have been ongoing since then regarding the ratification of the instrument.

Discussions have also taken place on the possible NPM structure and various options have emerged, including establishing a new National Human Rights Institution (which mandate would also encompass the NPM functions) or designating the existing Federal Ombudsperson's Office, provided changes would be made to its mandate.