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# Guatemala

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## **OPCAT status**

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**OPCAT Ratification** : June 9, 2008

**UNCAT Ratification** : June 5, 1990

**NPM Designated** :

National Office to Prevent Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment

**NPM Type** :

New Specialised Institution

**NPM Legal Framework** :

[Legislative Decree 40-2010](#) (November 2010)

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## **Information**

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## Quick Links

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**CAT:** [Concluding Observations](#) (June 2013)

**SPT:** Visit (11-20 May 2015) - [Press release](#)

Documents relating to other UN human rights mechanisms are available [here](#)

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## OPCAT Situation

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Guatemala ratified the OPCAT in 2008 and two years later designated a new body, the National Office to Prevent Torture, as its NPM, through a legislative decree. The NPM members were officially selected in March 2014. Advances on OPCAT ratification and implementation in Guatemala have been due in good measure to the advocacy efforts of a coalition of actors, including civil society organisations.

The SPT visited Guatemala in May 2015. The report has not been made public by the authorities.

The SPT member who is the SPT Focal Point for Guatemala is available [here](#).

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## NPM Structure

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The Guatemalan NPM consists of a new independent body, the National Preventive Office (*Oficina Nacional de Prevención de la Tortura*). The Office is assisted by an Advisory Council and an Executive Secretariat. The legislation also foresees the coordination of the new mechanism's activities with existing monitoring bodies such as the Ombudsperson's Office.