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5th Thematic NPM Workshop

“Collecting and checking information during an NPM visit”

Tallinn, Estonia 15-16 June 2011

Draft Programme

A meeting co-organised with



Chancellor of Justice

The Office of the Chancellor of Justice
The NPM of Estonia

Wednesday 15 June

The Office of the Chancellor of Justice: Kohtu street 8, 15193 TALLINN, Estonia

9.00 – 09.45 **Welcome address**

Indrek Teder, Chancellor of Justice and Head of the NPM of Estonia

Markus Jaeger, Head of National Human Rights Structures, Prisons and Police Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe: Chair

Miguel Sarre and/or Suzanne Jabbour, Member/Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Sub-Committee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)

James McManus, Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) in respect of the United Kingdom

Working Session I: Collecting information during the visit – what are the sources

09.45 – 10.15 **(i) Collecting information: for what purpose?**

Jean-Sébastien Blanc, Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)

10.15 – 11.15 **(ii) Collecting information from registers**

James McManus, Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) in respect of the United Kingdom

Discussion all participants

11.15 – 11.45 *Coffee Break*

11.45 – 12.45 **(iii) Collecting information from medical files**

Peter Green, Forensic Physician

Discussion: all participants

12.45 – 14.00 *Lunch at the offices of the Chancellor of Justice*

14.00 – 15.45 **(iv) Collecting information by interviewing persons deprived of their liberty**

Introduction

Barbara Bernath, Chief of Operations, APT

Role plays in groups of 5 (interviewee, leading interviewer, note taker (second interviewer), 2 observers) on the basis of a case scenario

Discussion: all participants

15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee break*

16.15 – 17.15 **(v) Collecting information from staff, including management**

Ladislav Tomecek, representing the NPM of the Czech Republic

Discussion: all participants

Thursday 16 June

Session II: Checking, cross-checking and using the information collected

09.00 – 09.15 **Wrap-up of Session I and introduction to Sessions II and III**

Francesca Gordon, Project Manager – European NPM Project, Silvia Casale Consultants

09.15 – 09.45 **Introduction on team debriefing / cross checking during the visit (comparing and analyzing the information)**

Mari Amos, representative of the NPM of Estonia and member of the SPT

Discussion: all participants

09.45 – 10.30 **Cross-checking information exercise**

Introduction

Silvia Casale, Consultant (former president of the CPT and the SPT)

Discussions in three break-out groups: all participants

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.00 – 12.00 **Cross-checking information exercise: discussions in break-out groups – all participants**

12.00 – 12.45 **Identifying risk patterns / triangulation**

Silvia Casale

Discussion in plenary: all participants

12.45 – 14.00 *Lunch at the Office of the Chancellor of Justice*

Session III: Specific example – dealing with medical issues

14.00 – 15.00 **Collecting and checking medical / healthcare information**

Suzanne Jabbour, Vice-Chairperson of the SPT

Discussion in plenary: all participants

15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee break*

15.30 – 16.30 **NPMs' experiences of allegations of active ill-treatment**

Rachel Lindsay, Inspector with Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland,
representing the NPM of the United Kingdom

Discussion: all participants

16.30 – 17.00 **Close**

Indrek Teder, Chancellor of Justice

Suzanne Jabbour and/or Miguel Sarre, Vice-Chairperson/Member of the SPT

James McManus, Member of the CPT in respect of the United Kingdom

Markus Jaeger, Council of Europe, Chair

Friday 17 June

Departure on Friday morning from hotel to airport

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Interpretation will be in: English and Russian