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## NPM Symposium

### *Addressing vulnerabilities of LGBT persons in detention*

3-4 June 2015  
Inter-Parliamentary Union, Geneva

#### AGENDA

##### Wednesday, 3 June 2015

##### Objectives:

- Examine the risk factors and situations which contribute to the abuse and ill-treatment of LGBT persons deprived of liberty.
- Identify strategies for NPMs to address these issues when carrying out their preventive mandate.
- Enable interaction between NPMs and other key actors to reinforce cooperation and share good practices.

Time	Session
8:30 – 9:00	Registration and welcome coffee
9:00 – 9:45	<b>Introductory session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening remarks <i>Mark Thomson, APT Secretary-General</i></li><li>• Objectives and methodology; Detention Focus Database <i>Jean-Sébastien Blanc, APT</i></li></ul> <p>“Tour de table”</p>
9:45 – 11:00	<b>Session 1 – Setting the scene</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sexual orientation and gender identity: concepts and definitions (8 min.) <i>André du Plessis, International lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex association (ILGA)</i></li></ul>

- Multiplicity of situations of risk and scarcity of protection standards (8 min.)

*Victor Madrigal, UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture (SPT)*

- CPT's 25 years of experience in monitoring places of detention: what focus on sexual orientation and gender identity? (8 min.)

*Maité De Rue, first Vice-President, European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)*

Moderated discussion: all participants (~1h.)

Moderator: *Barbara Bernath, APT*

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:45

### **Session 2 – What “preventive” measures can be put in place?**

- Preventing homophobic and transphobic violence from staff and co-detainees (8 min.)

*Lucie Montoy, Controller General of Places of Deprivation of Liberty (NPM), France*

- The experience of the Ecuador's Ministry of Public Health with regards to LGBT detainees (8 min.)

*Patricio Aguirre, Ecuador's Ministry of Public Health*

- Segregation in special wings/special prisons (8 min.)

*Eva Tanz, Civil Society in the Penal System Association (CISST), Turkey*

Moderated discussion: all participants (~ 1h.)

Moderator: *Jean-Sébastien Blanc, APT*

12:45 – 14:15

Lunch

14:15 – 15:45

### **Session 3 – Transgender detainees**

- The situation of transgender detainees in Pernambuco (Brazil) and the value added of having a transgender person within the monitoring team (8 min.)

*Video-recording of Maria Clara De Sena, member of Local Preventive Mechanism of Brazilian State of Pernambuco*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transgender detainees: stigmatization, allocation, access to hormonal treatment and sex reassignment surgery (8 min.) <i>Zhan Chiam, International lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex association (ILGA)</i></li> <li>• Violence by the police targeting transgender persons (8 min.) <i>Mónica Leonardo, independent expert, Guatemala</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderated discussion: all participants (~1h.) Moderator: <i>Isabelle Heyer, APT</i></p>
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 17:45	<p><b>Session 4 – Detention monitoring: challenges and good practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <i>Procuración Penitenciaria's</i> approach to monitoring the situation of LGBT persons in detention. <i>Maria Santos, Procuración Penitenciaria de la Nación (NPM), Argentina</i></li> <li>• Identifying LGBT detainees: avoiding further stigmatization and reprisals (8 min.) <i>Colin Carroll, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons, United Kingdom</i></li> <li>• Specifics of monitoring the situation of LGBT detainees in immigration detention facilities (8 min.) <i>Leila Lohman, former Organization for Refuge, Asylum and Migrations (ORAM)</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderated Discussion: all participants (~1h.) Moderator: <i>Jean-Sébastien Blanc, APT</i></p>
17:45 – 18:00	Wrap up and close of meeting – <i>Jean-Sébastien Blanc, APT</i>
19:00	Reception offered by the City of Geneva at the Palais Eynard <sup>1</sup>

## Thursday, 4 June 2015<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Participants will be invited to go together from the meeting place (IPU) to the reception.

## Objectives:

- Discuss the challenges faced by NPMs and the SPT in carrying out their preventive mandate with regards to LGBT persons deprived of liberty
- Exchange good practices and working methods among NPMs and with the SPT
- Strengthen cooperation among NPMs and with the SPT

Time	Session
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Introductory session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objectives and methodology</li></ul> <i>Jean-Sébastien Blanc, APT</i>
9:15 – 10:45	<b>Session 1 –NPMs’ feedback</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For each participant, to raise the most prominent issues discussed during Day 1:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ one on the problematics faced by LGBT detainees;</li><li>✓ one on the implication for their work as NPMs</li></ul></li><li>• Unaddressed issues during Day 1</li></ul> <p>Moderated discussion: all participants Moderator: <i>Barbara Bernath, APT</i></p>
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:45	<b>Session 2 – Methodological considerations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selecting and identifying LGBT detainees</li><li>• Handling interviews</li><li>• Dealing with authorities and other detainees</li><li>• Visiting team’s composition</li><li>• Resorting to external expertise (during and beyond visits)<sup>2</sup></li></ul> <p>Moderated discussion: all participants Moderator: <i>Jean-Sébastien Blanc, APT</i></p>

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<sup>2</sup> The 4th of June will be a closed meeting for representatives of National Preventive Mechanisms (NPMs) and the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture (SPT).

12:45 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:45	<p><b>Session 3 - Reporting and dialogue with authorities and engagement with other actors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting: ensuring the “do no harm” principle is respected</li> <li>• Thematic reports on LGBT issues</li> <li>• Dialogue with the authorities</li> <li>• Dialogue with regional bodies</li> </ul> <p>Moderated discussion: all participants Moderator: <i>Isabelle Heyer, APT</i></p>
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 17:15	<p><b>Session 4 – NPMs as institutions with zero tolerance policy towards homophobia and transphobia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutional policy</li> <li>• Opportunity of having a focal point</li> <li>• Challenges</li> </ul> <p>Moderated discussion: all participants Moderator: <i>Barbara Bernath, APT</i></p>
17:15 – 17:30	Wrap up and closing of the Symposium – <i>Jean-Sébastien Blanc, APT</i>