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There are currently 84 States Parties to the OPCAT, of which 65 States have designated their NPM



## Africa

Country	Ratification Date	NPM Options	NPM Type
Burkina Faso	July 7, 2010	National Observer for the Prevention of Torture	New Specialised Institution
Mali	May 12, 2005	<a href="#">National Human Rights Commission</a> (Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme)	National Human Rights Commission
Mauritius	June 21, 2005	<a href="#">National Human Rights Commission</a>	National Human Rights Commission
Mozambique	July 1, 2014	National Human Rights Commission (Comissão dos Direitos Humanos)	National Human Rights Commission
Nigeria	July 27, 2009	National Committee on Torture	New Specialised Institution
Senegal	October 18, 2006	<a href="#">National Observer of Places of Deprivation</a>	New Specialised Institution



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[of Liberty](#)

Togo

July 20, 2010

[National Human Rights Commission](#)  
(Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme)

National Human Rights Commission



## Americas

Country	Ratification Date	NPM Options	NPM Type
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	National Preventive System in Federal State



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OPCAT's goals.

Bolivia	May 23, 2006	Service for the Prevention of Torture	New Specialised Institution
Brazil	January 12, 2007	<a href="#">National System to Prevent and Combat Torture</a>	National Preventive System in Federal State
Chile	December 12, 2008	<a href="#">National Human Rights Institute</a> (Instituto Nacional de Derechos Humanos)	National Human Rights Commission
Costa Rica	December 1, 2005	Decentralised unit within <a href="#">Ombudsperson's Office</a> (Defensoría de los Habitantes)	Ombuds Institution
Ecuador	July 20, 2010	<a href="#">Ombudsperson's Office</a> (Defensoría del Pueblo)	Ombuds Institution
Guatemala	June 9, 2008	National Office to Prevent Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment	New Specialised Institution
Honduras	May 23, 2006	<a href="#">National Committee for the Prevention Against Torture (CONAPREV)</a>	New Specialised Institution
Mexico	April 11, 2005	<a href="#">National Human</a>	Ombuds Institution



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		<a href="#">Rights Commission</a> (Tercera Visitaduría)	
Nicaragua	February 25, 2009	<a href="#">Ombudsperson's Office</a> (Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos)	Ombuds Institution
Panama	June 2, 2011	Ombuds Institution	Ombuds Institution
Paraguay	December 2, 2005	<a href="#">National Preventive Mechanism against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment</a>	New Specialised Institution
Peru	September 14, 2006	<a href="#">Ombudsperson's Office</a> (Defensoría del Pueblo)	Ombuds Institution
Uruguay	December 8, 2005	<a href="#">National Human Rights Institution and Ombuds Institution</a> (Institución Nacional de Derechos Humanos y Defensoría del Pueblo)	National Human Rights Commission



## Asia Pacific



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Cambodia	March 30, 2007	Inter-governmental committee	Other: Inter-governmental Body
Maldives	February 15, 2006	<a href="#">National Human Rights Commission</a>	National Human Rights Commission
New Zealand	March 14, 2007	5 different bodies coordinated by the <a href="#">Human Rights Commission</a> (central NPM), and including the <a href="#">Office of the Ombudsman</a> , the <a href="#">Independent Police Conduct Authority</a> , the <a href="#">Office of the Children's Commissioner</a> and the Inspector of Service Penal Establishments of the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Armed Forces.	Multiple Institutions



## Europe & Central Asia

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Albania	October 1, 2003		



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		<a href="#">People's Advocate</a> (Avokati i Popullit)	Ombuds Institution
Armenia	September 14, 2006	<a href="#">Human Rights Defender</a>	Ombuds Institution
Austria	December 4, 2012	<a href="#">Austrian Ombudsman Board</a> (Volksanwaltschaft)	Ombuds Institution
Azerbaijan	January 28, 2009	<a href="#">Commissioner for Human Rights</a>	Ombuds Institution
Bulgaria	June 1, 2011	<a href="#">Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria</a>	Ombuds Institution
Croatia	April 25, 2005	<a href="#">Ombudswoman</a> , in cooperation with representatives of the academic community and human rights NGOs	Ombuds Institution
Cyprus	April 29, 2009	<a href="#">Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights</a>	Ombuds Institution
Czech Republic	July 10, 2006	<a href="#">Public Defender of Rights</a>	Ombuds Institution
Denmark	June 25, 2004	<a href="#">Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman</a> , in collaboration with DIGNITY (NGO) and the Danish Institute for Human Rights	Ombuds Plus Institution



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		(National Human Rights Institution)	
Estonia	December 18, 2006	<a href="#">Chancellor of Justice</a>	Ombuds Institution
Finland	October 8, 2014	<a href="#">Parliamentary Ombudsperson's Office</a>	Ombuds Institution
France	November 11, 2008	<a href="#">General Controller of Places of Deprivation of Liberty</a> (Contrôleur général des lieux de privation de liberté)	New Specialised Institution
Georgia	August 9, 2005	<a href="#">Public Defender</a>	Ombuds Institution
Germany	December 4, 2008	<a href="#">National Agency for the Prevention of Torture</a> , comprising: - Federal Agency for the Prevention of Torture (Bundesstelle zur Verhütung von Folter); and - Joint Commission of the Länder (Länderkommission zur Verhütung von Folter)	New Specialised Institution
Greece	February 11, 2014	<a href="#">Ombudsperson's Office</a>	Ombuds Institution
Hungary	January 12, 2012	<a href="#">Commissioner for Fundamental Rights</a>	Ombuds Institution



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Italy	April 3, 2013	<a href="#">National Authority (Garante nazionale) for the rights of persons deprived of liberty</a>	New Specialised Institution
Kazakhstan	October 22, 2008	<a href="#">Commissioner for Human Rights</a> , in cooperation with public monitoring commissions and civil society	Ombuds Plus Institution
Kyrgyzstan	December 29, 2008	<a href="#">National Center for the Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment</a>	New Specialised Institution
Liechtenstein	November 3, 2006	<a href="#">Corrections Commission</a> (Vollzugskommission)	New Specialised Institution
Lithuania	January 20, 2014	<a href="#">Parliamentary Ombudsperson's Office</a> (Seimas Ombudsmen's Office)	Ombuds Institution
Luxembourg	May 19, 2010	<a href="#">Ombudsperson's Office</a> (Médiatrice du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg)	Ombuds Institution
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	February 13, 2009	<a href="#">Ombudsperson's Office</a>	Ombuds Institution





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Malta	September 24, 2003	Two Boards: - <a href="#">Board of Visitors for Detained Persons</a> - <a href="#">Board of Visitors of the Prisons</a>	Multiple Institutions
Moldova	July 24, 2006	Council for the Prevention of Torture, composed of 7 members, including the Ombudsperson ( <a href="#">Moldovan Centre for Human Rights</a> ), the Ombudsperson for children and 5 members proposed by the civil society.	Ombuds Plus Institution
Montenegro	March 6, 2009	<a href="#">Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms</a>	Ombuds Institution
Netherlands	September 28, 2010	4 bodies are designated as the NPM: the <a href="#">Inspectorate of Security and Justice</a> (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).	Multiple Institutions
Norway	June 27, 2013		



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		<a href="#">Parliamentary Ombudsman</a>	Ombuds Institution
Poland	September 14, 2005	<a href="#">Commissioner for Human Rights</a>	Ombuds Institution
Portugal	January 15, 2013	<a href="#">Ombudsperson's Office</a> (Provedor de Justiça)	Ombuds Institution
Romania	July 2, 2009	<a href="#">The People's Advocate</a>	Ombuds Institution
Serbia	September 26, 2006	<a href="#">Protector of Citizens</a> , in cooperation with the ombudsperson's offices from the autonomous provinces and human rights associations	Ombuds Plus Institution
Slovenia	January 23, 2007	<a href="#">Human Rights Ombudsman</a> , in collaboration with NGOs ( <a href="#">Slovenian Red Cross</a> , Legal Information Center for NGOs, Primus Institute, Slovenian Federation of Pensioners' Organisations and Novi paradoks)	Ombuds Plus Institution
Spain	April 4, 2006	<a href="#">Ombudsperson's Office</a> (Defensoría del Pueblo)	Ombuds Institution



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Sweden	September 14, 2005	<a href="#">Parliamentary Ombudsmen</a> (Riksdagens Ombudsmän)	Ombuds Institution
Switzerland	September 24, 2009	<a href="#">National Commission for the Prevention of Torture</a> (Commission nationale pour la prévention de la torture)	New Specialised Institution
Turkey	September 27, 2011	<a href="#">National Human Rights Institution</a>	National Human Rights Commission
Ukraine	September 19, 2006	<a href="#">Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights</a> in collaboration with an Expert Council, human rights NGOs and individual monitors ( <a href="#">website of public monitors</a> ).	Ombuds Plus Institution
United Kingdom	December 10, 2003	21 bodies were designated as part of the <a href="#">UK NPM</a> , coordinated by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons - <a href="#">Click for a complete list</a>	Multiple Institutions





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## Middle East & North Africa

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Mauritania	October 3, 2012	National Preventive Mechanism	New Specialised Institution
Tunisia	June 29, 2011	National Authority for the Prevention of Torture	New Specialised Institution