

2. OPCIJSKI PROTOKOL h Konvenciji proti mučenju in drugim krutim, nečloveškim ali poniževalnim kaznim ali ravnanju

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ZAKON O RATIFIKACIJI OPCIJSKEGA PROTOKOLA H KONVENCIJI PROTI MUČENJU IN DRUGIM KRUTIM, NEČLOVEŠKIM ALI PONIŽEVALNIM KAZNIM ALI RAVNANJU (MOPPM)

1. člen

Ratificira se Opcijski protokol h Konvenciji proti mučenju in drugim krutim, nečloveškim ali poniževalnim kaznim ali ravnanju, sprejet na 57. zasedanju Generalne skupščine Združenih narodov 18. decembra 2002.

2. člen

Besedilo protokola se v izvorniku v angleškem jeziku ter v prevodu v slovenskem jeziku glasi:

PREAMBULA

Države pogodbenice tega protokola

ponovno potrjujejo, da so mučenje in druge oblike okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja prepovedane in pomenijo resno kršenje človekovih pravic,

so prepričane, da so potrebni nadaljnji ukrepi, da bi lahko uresničili cilje Konvencije proti mučenju in drugim krutim, nečloveškim ali poniževalnim kaznim ali ravnanju (v nadaljevanju: konvencija) in okrepili varstvo oseb, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, pred mučenjem in drugimi oblikami okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja,

se sklicujejo na 2. in 16. člen konvencije, ki zavezuje vse države pogodbenice, da učinkovito ukrepajo, da bi preprečile mučenje in druge oblike okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja na katerem koli ozemlju pod njihovo jurisdikcijo,

ugotavljajo, da so predvsem države odgovorne za izvajanje teh dveh členov, da je skupna odgovornost vseh držav okrepiti varstvo oseb, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, in v celoti spoštovati njihove človekove pravice, in da mednarodni organi izvajanja dopolnjujejo in krepijo državne ukrepe,

se sklicujejo na to, da sta za učinkovito preprečevanje mučenja in drugega okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja potrebni izobraževanje in povezovanje zakonodajnih, upravnih, sodnih in drugih ukrepov,

se sklicujejo na to, da so na Svetovni konferenci o človekovih pravicah odločno izjavile, da je treba prizadevanja za odpravo mučenja usmeriti predvsem na preprečevanje, in pozvale k sprejetju opcijskega protokola h konvenciji, ki naj bi vzpostavil preventivni sistem rednih obiskov na krajih odvzema prostosti,

2. OPTIONAL PROTOCOL to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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ACT OF RATIFICATION OF THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT

Article 1

The Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture or Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted at the 57th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations 18 December 2002 is hereby ratified.

Article 2

The text of the Protocol in the original in the English language and in translation into the Slovene language reads as follows:

PREAMBLE

The States Parties to the present Protocol,

Reaffirming that torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment are prohibited and constitute serious violations of human rights,

Convinced that further measures are necessary to achieve the purposes of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (hereinafter referred to as the Convention) and to strengthen the protection of persons deprived of their liberty against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling that articles 2 and 16 of the Convention oblige each State Party to take effective measures to prevent acts of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in any territory under its jurisdiction,

Recognizing that States have the primary responsibility for implementing those articles, that strengthening the protection of people deprived of their liberty and the full respect for their human rights is a common responsibility shared by all and that international implementing bodies complement and strengthen national measures,

Recalling that the effective prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment requires education and a combination of various legislative, administrative, judicial and other measures,

Recalling also that the World Conference on Human Rights firmly declared that efforts to eradicate torture should first and foremost be concentrated on prevention and called for the adoption of an optional protocol to the Convention, intended to establish a preventive system of regular visits to places of detention,

so prepričane, da se lahko varstvo oseb, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, pred mučenjem in drugimi oblikami okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja okrepi z nesodnimi preventivnimi sredstvi, ki temeljijo na rednih obiskih na krajih odvzema prostosti,

in so se dogovorile:

I. DEL

Splošna načela

1. člen

Namen tega protokola je vzpostaviti sistem rednih obiskov neodvisnih mednarodnih in državnih organov na krajih, kjer je ljudem odvzeta prostost, da bi preprečili mučenje in druge oblike okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja.

2. člen

1. Ustanovi se Pododbor za preprečevanje mučenja in drugega okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja Odbora proti mučenju (v nadaljevanju: pododbor za preprečevanje), ki opravlja naloge, določene s tem protokolom.

2. Pododbor za preprečevanje opravlja svoje delo v okviru Ustanovne listine Združenih narodov in spoštuje njene cilje in načela ter norme Združenih narodov glede ravnanja z ljudmi, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost.

3. Pododbor za preprečevanje spoštuje tudi načela zaupnosti, nepristranskosti, nerazlikovanja, univerzalnosti in objektivnosti.

4. Pododbor za preprečevanje in države pogodbenice sodelujejo pri izvajanju tega protokola.

3. člen

Vsaka država pogodbenica na državni ravni ustanovi, določi ali vzdržuje enega ali več organov za obiskovanje zaradi preprečevanja mučenja in drugega okrutnega, nečloveškega ali ponižujočega ravnanja ali kaznovanja (v nadaljevanju: državni preventivni mehanizem).

4. člen

1. Vsaka država pogodbenica v skladu s tem protokolom dovoli obiske organov iz 2. in 3. člena na katerem koli kraju, ki je v njeni pristojnosti in pod njenim nadzorom, kjer so ali bi lahko bile osebe, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost na podlagi odredbe javne oblasti ali na njihovo pobudo ali z njihovo izrecno ali tiho privolitvijo (v nadaljevanju: kraji odvzema prostosti). Namen teh obiskov je, če je potrebno, okrepiti varstvo teh oseb pred mučenjem in drugimi oblikami okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja.

2. V tem protokolu pomeni odvzem prostosti vsako obliko pridržanja ali zapora ali namestitve osebe v javni ali zasebni zavod, ki ga ta oseba po odredbi sodne, upravne ali katere koli druge oblasti ne sme zapustiti po svoji volji.

Convinced that the protection of persons deprived of their liberty against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment can be strengthened by non-judicial means of a preventive nature, based on regular visits to places of detention,

Have agreed as follows:

PART I

General principles

Article 1

The objective of the present Protocol is to establish a system of regular visits undertaken by independent international and national bodies to places where people are deprived of their liberty, in order to prevent torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 2

1. A Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment of the Committee against Torture (hereinafter referred to as the Subcommittee on Prevention) shall be established and shall carry out the functions laid down in the present Protocol.

2. The Subcommittee on Prevention shall carry out its work within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations and shall be guided by the purposes and principles thereof, as well as the norms of the United Nations concerning the treatment of people deprived of their liberty.

3. Equally, the Subcommittee on Prevention shall be guided by the principles of confidentiality, impartiality, non-selectivity, universality and objectivity.

4. The Subcommittee on Prevention and the States Parties shall cooperate in the implementation of the present Protocol.

Article 3

Each State Party shall set up, designate or maintain at the domestic level one or several visiting bodies for the prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (hereinafter referred to as the national preventive mechanism).

Article 4

1. Each State Party shall allow visits, in accordance with the present Protocol, by the mechanisms referred to in articles 2 and 3 to any place under its jurisdiction and control where persons are or may be deprived of their liberty, either by virtue of an order given by a public authority or at its instigation or with its consent or acquiescence (hereinafter referred to as places of detention). These visits shall be undertaken with a view to strengthening, if necessary, the protection of these persons against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

2. For the purposes of the present Protocol, deprivation of liberty means any form of detention or imprisonment or the placement of a person in a public or private custodial setting which that person is not permitted to leave at will by order of any judicial, administrative or other authority.

II. DEL

Pododbor za preprečevanje

5. člen

1. Pododbor za preprečevanje sestavlja 10 članov. Po petdeseti ratifikaciji ali pristopu k temu protokolu se število članov v pododboru za preprečevanje poveča na 25.
2. Člani pododbora so izbrani med osebami, ki imajo visok moralni ugled, morajo imeti poklicne izkušnje na področju pravosodja, zlasti kazenskega prava, upravljanja zaporov ali policijske uprave ali na različnih področjih, povezanih z ravnanjem z osebami, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost.
3. Pri sestavi pododbora za preprečevanje se upoštevata pravična geografska zastopanost in zastopanost različnih oblik civilizacij in pravnih sistemov držav pogodbenic.
4. V tej sestavi se upošteva tudi uravnotežena zastopanost spolov na podlagi načel enakosti in nediskriminacije.
5. Vsak član pododbora mora biti državljan druge države.
6. Člani pododbora za preprečevanje opravljajo svoje delo kot posamezniki, morajo biti neodvisni in nepristranski ter morajo biti pododboru na razpolago za učinkovito opravljanje dela.

6. člen

1. Vsaka država pogodbenica lahko v skladu z drugim odstavkom tega člena predlaga največ dva kandidata, ki sta ustrezno usposobljena in izpolnjujeta zahteve iz 5. člena, pri čemer mora predložiti podrobne podatke o njuni usposobljenosti.
2. (a) Kandidati morajo biti državljani držav pogodbenic tega protokola.
(b) Vsaj eden od obeh kandidatov mora biti državljan države pogodbenice, ki ga je predlagala.
(c) Posamezna država pogodbenica lahko predlaga največ dva svoja državljana.
(d) Preden država pogodbenica predlaga državljana druge države pogodbenice, zaprosi za njeno soglasje in ga pridobi.
3. Generalni sekretar Združenih narodov vsaj pet mesecev pred dnevom sestanka držav pogodbenic, na katerem bodo potekale volitve, pošlje pismo državam pogodbenicam, s katerim jih pozove, naj v treh mesecih predlagajo svoje kandidate. Generalni sekretar nato predloži abecedni seznam vseh predlaganih oseb z navedbo držav pogodbenic, ki so jih predlagale.

PART II

Subcommittee on Prevention

Article 5

1. The Subcommittee on Prevention shall consist of ten members. After the fiftieth ratification of or accession to the present Protocol, the number of the members of the Subcommittee on Prevention shall increase to twenty-five.
2. The members of the Subcommittee on Prevention shall be chosen from among persons of high moral character, having proven professional experience in the field of the administration of justice, in particular criminal law, prison or police administration, or in the various fields relevant to the treatment of persons deprived of their liberty.
3. In the composition of the Subcommittee on Prevention due consideration shall be given to equitable geographic distribution and to the representation of different forms of civilization and legal systems of the States Parties.
4. In this composition consideration shall also be given to balanced gender representation on the basis of the principles of equality and non-discrimination.
5. No two members of the Subcommittee on Prevention may be nationals of the same State.
6. The members of the Subcommittee on Prevention shall serve in their individual capacity, shall be independent and impartial and shall be available to serve the Subcommittee on Prevention efficiently.

Article 6

1. Each State Party may nominate, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the present article, up to two candidates possessing the qualifications and meeting the requirements set out in article 5, and in doing so shall provide detailed information on the qualifications of the nominees.
2. (a) The nominees shall have the nationality of a State Party to the present Protocol;
(b) At least one of the two candidates shall have the nationality of the nominating State Party;
(c) No more than two nationals of a State Party shall be nominated;
(d) Before a State Party nominates a national of another State Party, it shall seek and obtain the consent of that State Party.
3. At least five months before the date of the meeting of the States Parties during which the elections will be held, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall address a letter to the States Parties inviting them to submit their nominations within three months. The Secretary-General shall submit a list, in alphabetical order, of all persons thus nominated, indicating the States Parties that have nominated them.

7. člen

1. Člani pododbora za preprečevanje se izvolijo po naslednjem postopku:

- a) najprej se upošteva izpolnjevanje zahtev in meril iz 5. člena tega protokola;
- b) prve volitve potekajo najpozneje šest mesecev po začetku veljavnosti tega protokola;
- c) države pogodbenice izvolijo člane pododbora s tajnim glasovanjem;

d) volitve članov pododbora potekajo vsaki dve leti na sestankih držav pogodbenic, ki jih skliče generalni sekretar Združenih narodov. Na sestankih, na katerih je za sklepčnost potrebna navzočnost dveh tretjin držav pogodbenic, so v pododbor izvoljene tiste osebe, ki dobijo največ glasov in absolutno večino glasov predstavnikov držav pogodbenic, ki so navzoči in glasujejo.

2. Če na volitvah dva državljana države pogodbenice dobita dovolj glasov za članstvo v pododboru za preprečevanje, postane član pododbora tisti kandidat, ki dobi več glasov. Če sta državljana dobila enako število glasov, velja naslednji postopek:

- a) če je le enega od obeh kandidatov predlagala država pogodbenica, katere državljan je, postane ta kandidat član pododbora za preprečevanje;
- b) če je oba kandidata predlagala država pogodbenica, katere državljan sta, poteka ločeno tajno glasovanje, s katerim se odloči, kateri državljan bo član pododbora,
- c) če nobenega kandidata ne predlaga država pogodbenica, katere državljan sta, poteka ločeno tajno glasovanje, s katerim se odloči, kateri kandidat bo član pododbora.

8. člen

Če član pododbora umre, odstopi ali zaradi kakršnega koli razloga ne more več opravljati svojih dolžnosti, država pogodbenica, ki je tega člana predlagala, predlaga drugo osebo, ki je ustrezno usposobljena in izpolnjuje zahteve iz 5. člena, ob upoštevanju potrebe po uravnoteženi zastopanosti različnih področij, in bo opravljala delo do naslednjega sestanka držav pogodbenic, če se s tem strinja večina držav pogodbenic. Šteje se, da se države pogodbenice strinjajo, razen če polovica ali več držav pogodbenic odgovori negativno v šestih tednih, potem ko jih je generalni sekretar Združenih narodov obvestil o predlaganem imenovanju.

9. člen

Člani pododbora za preprečevanje so izvoljeni za štiri leta. Enkrat so lahko ponovno izvoljeni, če so ponovno predlagani. Polovici članov, izvoljeni na prvih volitvah, se mandat izteče po dveh letih; imena teh članov neposredno po prvih volitvah z žrebom določi predsedujoči sestanka iz točke d prvega odstavka 7. člena.

Article 7

1. The members of the Subcommittee on Prevention shall be elected in the following manner:

- (a) Primary consideration shall be given to the fulfilment of the requirements and criteria of article 5 of the present Protocol;
- (b) The initial election shall be held no later than six months after the entry into force of the present Protocol;
- (c) The States Parties shall elect the members of the Subcommittee on Prevention by secret ballot;

(d) Elections of the members of the Subcommittee on Prevention shall be held at biennial meetings of the States Parties convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. At those meetings, for which two thirds of the States Parties shall constitute a quorum, the persons elected to the Subcommittee on Prevention shall be those who obtain the largest number of votes and an absolute majority of the votes of the representatives of the States Parties present and voting.

2. If during the election process two nationals of a State Party have become eligible to serve as members of the Subcommittee on Prevention, the candidate receiving the higher number of votes shall serve as the member of the Subcommittee on Prevention. Where nationals have received the same number of votes, the following procedure applies:

- (a) Where only one has been nominated by the State Party of which he or she is a national, that national shall serve as the member of the Subcommittee on Prevention;
- (b) Where both candidates have been nominated by the State Party of which they are nationals, a separate vote by secret ballot shall be held to determine which national shall become the member;
- (c) Where neither candidate has been nominated by the State Party of which he or she is a national, a separate vote by secret ballot shall be held to determine which candidate shall be the member.

Article 8

If a member of the Subcommittee on Prevention dies or resigns, or for any cause can no longer perform his or her duties, the State Party that nominated the member shall nominate another eligible person possessing the qualifications and meeting the requirements set out in article 5, taking into account the need for a proper balance among the various fields of competence, to serve until the next meeting of the States Parties, subject to the approval of the majority of the States Parties. The approval shall be considered given unless half or more of the States Parties respond negatively within six weeks after having been informed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the proposed appointment.

Article 9

The members of the Subcommittee on Prevention shall be elected for a term of four years. They shall be eligible for re-election once if renominated. The term of half the members elected at the first election shall expire at the end of two years; immediately after the first election the names of those members shall be chosen by lot by the Chairman of the meeting referred to in article 7, paragraph 1 (d).

10. člen

1. Pododbor za preprečevanje izvoli svoje vodstvo za dve leti. Lahko je ponovno izvoljeno.
2. Pododbor za preprečevanje sprejme svoj poslovnik. Ta med drugim določa, da:
 - a) je za sklepčnost potrebna več kot polovica članov;
 - b) se odločitve pododborja za preprečevanje sprejmejo z večino navzočih članov;
 - c) se pododbor za preprečevanje sestaja brez navzočnosti javnosti.
3. Prvi sestanek pododborja za preprečevanje skliče generalni sekretar Združenih narodov. Po prvem sestanku se pododbor sestaja, kot to določa poslovnik. Pododbor za preprečevanje in odbor proti mučenju zasedata hkrati vsaj enkrat letno.

III. DEL**Naloge in pooblastila pododborja za preprečevanje****11. člen****Pododbor za preprečevanje:**

- a) obiskuje kraje iz 4. člena in daje priporočila državam pogodbenicam glede varstva oseb, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, pred mučenjem in drugimi oblikami okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja;
- b) v zvezi z državnimi preventivnimi mehanizmi:
 - i) svetuje in pomaga državam pogodbenicam pri njihovi vzpostavitvi, če je potrebno;
 - ii) vzdržuje neposredne, in če je potrebno, zaupne stike z državnimi preventivnimi mehanizmi in jim omogoča usposabljanje in strokovno pomoč, da bi okrepili svoje zmogljivosti;
 - iii) jim svetuje in pomaga pri oceni potreb in sredstev, potrebnih za krepitev varstva oseb, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, pred mučenjem in drugimi oblikami okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja;
 - iv) daje priporočila in pripombe državam pogodbenicam, da bi okrepile zmogljivosti, naloge in pooblastila državnih preventivnih mehanizmov za preprečevanje mučenja in drugih oblik okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja;
- c) za preprečevanje mučenja na splošno sodeluje z ustreznimi organi in mehanizmi Združenih narodov in mednarodnimi, regionalnimi in državnimi institucijami ali organizacijami, ki si prizadevajo za okrepitev varstva oseb pred mučenjem in drugimi oblikami okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja.

Article 10

1. The Subcommittee on Prevention shall elect its officers for a term of two years. They may be re-elected.
2. The Subcommittee on Prevention shall establish its own rules of procedure. These rules shall provide, inter alia, that:
 - (a) Half the members plus one shall constitute a quorum;
 - (b) Decisions of the Subcommittee on Prevention shall be made by a majority vote of the members present;
 - (c) The Subcommittee on Prevention shall meet in camera.
3. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall convene the initial meeting of the Subcommittee on Prevention. After its initial meeting, the Subcommittee on Prevention shall meet at such times as shall be provided by its rules of procedure. The Subcommittee on Prevention and the Committee against Torture shall hold their sessions simultaneously at least once a year.

PART III**Mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention****Article 11****The Subcommittee on Prevention shall:**

- (a) Visit the places referred to in article 4 and make recommendations to States Parties concerning the protection of persons deprived of their liberty against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- (b) In regard to the national preventive mechanisms:
 - (i) Advise and assist States Parties, when necessary, in their establishment;
 - (ii) Maintain direct, and if necessary confidential, contact with the national preventive mechanisms and offer them training and technical assistance with a view to strengthening their capacities;
 - (iii) Advise and assist them in the evaluation of the needs and the means necessary to strengthen the protection of persons deprived of their liberty against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
 - (iv) Make recommendations and observations to the States Parties with a view to strengthening the capacity and the mandate of the national preventive mechanisms for the prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- (c) Cooperate, for the prevention of torture in general, with the relevant United Nations organs and mechanisms as well as with the international, regional and national institutions or organizations working towards the strengthening of the protection of all persons against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

12. člen

Da bi pododboru za preprečevanje omogočili uresničevanje njegovih nalog in pooblastil iz 11. člena, se države pogodbenice zavezujejo, da bodo:

- a) sprejele pododbor za preprečevanje na svojem ozemlju in mu dovolile dostop do krajev odvzema prostosti, kot je opredeljeno v 4. členu tega protokola;
- b) priskrbele pododboru za preprečevanje vse ustrezne informacije, ki bi jih od njih zahteval, da bi lahko ocenil potrebe in ukrepe, ki bi jih bilo treba sprejeti za okrepitev varstva oseb, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, pred mučenjem in drugimi oblikami okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja;
- c) spodbujale in omogočale stike med pododborom za preprečevanje in državnimi preventivnimi mehanizmi;
- d) obravnavale priporočila pododbora za preprečevanje in vzpostavile dialog z njim o mogočih ukrepih za izvajanje.

13. člen

1. Pododbor za preprečevanje najprej z žrebom sestavi program rednih obiskov v državah pogodbenicah, da izpolni naloge in pooblastila iz 11. člena.
2. Po posvetovanjih pododbor za preprečevanje uradno obvesti države pogodbenice o svojem programu, tako da se lahko nemudoma dogovorijo o potrebnih praktičnih podrobnostih glede obiskov, ki naj se opravijo.
3. Obiske opravita vsaj dva člana pododbora za preprečevanje. Če je potrebno, člane spremljajo strokovnjaki z dokazanimi strokovnimi izkušnjami in znanjem na področjih, ki jih vključuje ta protokol, in so izbrani s seznama strokovnjakov, pripravljenega na podlagi predlogov držav pogodbenic, Urada visokega komisarja Združenih narodov za človekove pravice in Centra Združenih narodov za mednarodno preprečevanje kriminala. Pri pripravi seznama države pogodbenice predlagajo največ pet nacionalnih strokovnjakov. Država pogodbenica lahko nasprotuje, da je posamezen strokovnjak navzoč pri obisku, nato pododbor za preprečevanje predlaga drugega strokovnjaka.
4. Če se pododboru za preprečevanje zdi primerno, lahko po rednem obisku predlaga še kratek dopolnilni obisk.

14. člen

1. Da bi pododboru za preprečevanje omogočili izpolnjevanje nalog in pooblastil, se države pogodbenice tega protokola zavezujejo, da mu bodo zagotovile:
 - a) neomejen dostop do vseh informacij o številu oseb, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, na krajih odvzema prostosti, kot je opredeljeno v 4. členu, in o številu krajev in njihovih lokacijah;
 - b) neomejen dostop do vseh informacij o ravnanju s temi osebami in njihovimi pogoji odvzema prostosti;
 - c) neomejen dostop do vseh krajev odvzema prostosti ter njihovih objektov in opreme ob upoštevanju drugega odstavka;

Article 12

In order to enable the Subcommittee on Prevention to comply with its mandate as laid down in article 11, the States Parties undertake:

- (a) To receive the Subcommittee on Prevention in their territory and grant it access to the places of detention as defined in article 4 of the present Protocol;
- (b) To provide all relevant information the Subcommittee on Prevention may request to evaluate the needs and measures that should be adopted to strengthen the protection of persons deprived of their liberty against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- (c) To encourage and facilitate contacts between the Subcommittee on Prevention and the national preventive mechanisms;
- (d) To examine the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Prevention and enter into dialogue with it on possible implementation measures.

Article 13

1. The Subcommittee on Prevention shall establish, at first by lot, a programme of regular visits to the States Parties in order to fulfil its mandate as established in article 11.
2. After consultations, the Subcommittee on Prevention shall notify the States Parties of its programme in order that they may, without delay, make the necessary practical arrangements for the visits to be conducted.
3. The visits shall be conducted by at least two members of the Subcommittee on Prevention. These members may be accompanied, if needed, by experts of demonstrated professional experience and knowledge in the fields covered by the present Protocol who shall be selected from a roster of experts prepared on the basis of proposals made by the States Parties, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention. In preparing the roster, the States Parties concerned shall propose no more than five national experts. The State Party concerned may oppose the inclusion of a specific expert in the visit, whereupon the Subcommittee on Prevention shall propose another expert.
4. If the Subcommittee on Prevention considers it appropriate, it may propose a short follow-up visit after a regular visit.

Article 14

1. In order to enable the Subcommittee on Prevention to fulfil its mandate, the States Parties to the present Protocol undertake to grant it:
 - (a) Unrestricted access to all information concerning the number of persons deprived of their liberty in places of detention as defined in article 4, as well as the number of places and their location;
 - (b) Unrestricted access to all information referring to the treatment of those persons as well as their conditions of detention;
 - (c) Subject to paragraph 2 below, unrestricted access to all places of detention and their installations and facilities;

d) možnost zaupnih pogovorov z osebami, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, brez prič, osebno ali s prevajalcem, če je potrebno, in s katero koli osebo, za katero pododbor za preprečevanje meni, da lahko priskrbi ustrezne informacije;

e) svobodno izbiro krajev, ki jih želi obiskati, in oseb, s katerimi želi govoriti.

2. Obisku določenega kraja odvzema prostosti se lahko nasprotuje le iz nujnih in tehtnih razlogov zaradi državne obrambe, javne varnosti, naravne nesreče ali hudega nereda na kraju, ki naj bi ga obiskali, in ki trenutno preprečujejo izvedbo takega obiska. Država pogodbenica se ne sme sklicevati na obstoj razglašenega izrednega stanja kot na razlog za nasprotovanje obisku.

15. člen

Nobena oblast ali uradna oseba ne sme odrediti, uporabiti, dovoliti ali dopustiti kakršne koli sankcije proti nobeni osebi ali organizaciji, ker je pododboru ali njegovim delegatom dala resnične ali neresnične informacije, in nobene osebe ali organizacije se zaradi tega ne sme kako drugače oškodovati.

16. člen

1. Pododbor za preprečevanje svoja priporočila in pripombe zaupno sporoči državi pogodbenici, in če je potrebno, državnemu preventivnemu mehanizmu.

2. Pododbor za preprečevanje objavi svoje poročilo z morebitnimi pripombami prizadete države pogodbenice, kadar to zahteva. Če država pogodbenica objavi del poročila, lahko pododbor za preprečevanje objavi poročilo v celoti ali delno. Osebni podatki pa se ne smejo objaviti brez izrecne privolitve prizadete osebe.

3. Pododbor za preprečevanje mora Odboru za mučenje predložiti javno letno poročilo o svojih dejavnostih.

4. Če država pogodbenica v skladu z 12. in 14. členom zavrne svoje sodelovanje s pododborom za preprečevanje ali ukrepanje, ki bi glede na priporočila pododbora izboljšalo stanje, lahko Odbor proti mučenju na prošnjo pododbora za preprečevanje z večino svojih članov odloči, da bo dal javno izjavo o zadevi ali objavil poročilo pododbora, potem ko je imela država pogodbenica možnost predstaviti svoja stališča.

IV. DEL

Državni preventivni mehanizmi

17. člen

Vsaka država pogodbenica najpozneje leto po začetku veljavnosti tega protokola, njegovi ratifikaciji ali pristopu k njemu vzpostavi, določi ali ustanovi enega ali več neodvisnih državnih preventivnih mehanizmov za preprečevanje mučenja. Mehanizmi, ki so jih vzpostavile decentralizirane enote, se lahko za namene tega protokola določijo za državne preventivne mehanizme, če so v skladu z njegovimi določbami.

(d) The opportunity to have private interviews with the persons deprived of their liberty without witnesses, either personally or with a translator if deemed necessary, as well as with any other person who the Subcommittee on Prevention believes may supply relevant information;

(e) The liberty to choose the places it wants to visit and the persons it wants to interview.

2. Objection to a visit to a particular place of detention may be made only on urgent and compelling grounds of national defence, public safety, natural disaster or serious disorder in the place to be visited that temporarily prevent the carrying out of such a visit. The existence of a declared state of emergency as such shall not be invoked by a State Party as a reason to object to a visit.

Article 15

No authority or official shall order, apply, permit or tolerate any sanction against any person or organization for having communicated to the Subcommittee on Prevention or to its delegates any information, whether true or false, and no such person or organization shall be otherwise prejudiced in any way.

Article 16

1. The Subcommittee on Prevention shall communicate its recommendations and observations confidentially to the State Party and, if relevant, to the national preventive mechanism.

2. The Subcommittee on Prevention shall publish its report, together with any comments of the State Party concerned, whenever requested to do so by that State Party. If the State Party makes part of the report public, the Subcommittee on Prevention may publish the report in whole or in part. However, no personal data shall be published without the express consent of the person concerned.

3. The Subcommittee on Prevention shall present a public annual report on its activities to the Committee against Torture.

4. If the State Party refuses to cooperate with the Subcommittee on Prevention according to articles 12 and 14, or to take steps to improve the situation in the light of the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Prevention, the Committee against Torture may, at the request of the Subcommittee on Prevention, decide, by a majority of its members, after the State Party has had an opportunity to make its views known, to make a public statement on the matter or to publish the report of the Subcommittee on Prevention.

PART IV

National preventive mechanisms

Article 17

Each State Party shall maintain, designate or establish, at the latest one year after the entry into force of the present Protocol or of its ratification or accession, one or several independent national preventive mechanisms for the prevention of torture at the domestic level. Mechanisms established by decentralized units may be designated as national preventive mechanisms for the purposes of the present Protocol if they are in conformity with its provisions.

18. člen

1. Države pogodbenice zagotavljajo neodvisnost delovanja državnih preventivnih mehanizmov in neodvisnost njihovega osebja.
2. Države pogodbenice ukrenejo vse potrebno, da zagotovijo, da so strokovnjaki državnega preventivnega mehanizma ustrezno usposobljeni in imajo strokovno znanje. Prizadevajo si za uravnoteženo zastopanost spolov in ustrezno zastopanost etničnih skupin in manjšin v državi.
3. Države pogodbenice se zavezujejo, da bodo dale na voljo potrebna sredstva za delovanje državnih preventivnih mehanizmov.
4. Pri vzpostavitvi državnih preventivnih mehanizmov države pogodbenice ustrezno upoštevajo načela glede statusa in delovanja nacionalnih institucij za spodbujanje in varstvo človekovih pravic.

19. člen

Državni preventivni mehanizmi imajo vsaj naslednja pooblastila, da:

- a) na krajih odvzema prostosti, kot so opredeljeni v 4. členu, redno preverjajo ravnanje z osebami, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, da bi okrepili njihovo varstvo pred mučenjem in drugimi oblikami okrutnega, nečloveškega ali poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja, če je potrebno;
- b) ob upoštevanju ustreznih norm Združenih narodov dajejo priporočila ustreznim organom, da bi izboljšali razmere in ravnanje z osebami, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, in preprečili mučenje in druge oblike okrutnega, nečloveškega, poniževalnega ravnanja ali kaznovanja;
- c) predložijo predloge in pripombe k veljavnim ali predlaganim zakonom.

20. člen

Da bi državni preventivni mehanizmi lahko izpolnili svoje naloge in pooblastila, se države pogodbenice tega protokola zavezujejo, da jim bodo zagotovile:

- a) dostop do vseh informacij o številu oseb, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, na krajih odvzema prostosti, kot so opredeljeni v 4. členu, in o številu krajev in njihovi lokaciji;
- b) dostop do vseh informacij o ravnanju s temi osebami in njihovih pogojih odvzema prostosti;
- c) dostop do vseh krajev odvzema prostosti ter njihovih objektov in opreme;
- d) možnost zaupnih pogovorov z osebami, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, brez prič, osebno ali s prevajalcem, če se zdi potrebno, in s katero koli osebo, za katero državni preventivni mehanizem meni, da lahko priskrbi ustrezne informacije;
- e) svobodno izbiro krajev, ki jih želijo obiskati, in oseb, s katerimi želijo govoriti;
- f) pravico do stikov s pododborom za preprečevanje, pošiljanja informacij pododboru in do srečanj z njim.

Article 18

1. The States Parties shall guarantee the functional independence of the national preventive mechanisms as well as the independence of their personnel.
2. The States Parties shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the experts of the national preventive mechanism have the required capabilities and professional knowledge. They shall strive for a gender balance and the adequate representation of ethnic and minority groups in the country.
3. The States Parties undertake to make available the necessary resources for the functioning of the national preventive mechanisms.
4. When establishing national preventive mechanisms, States Parties shall give due consideration to the Principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights.

Article 19

The national preventive mechanisms shall be granted at a minimum the power:

- (a) To regularly examine the treatment of the persons deprived of their liberty in places of detention as defined in article 4, with a view to strengthening, if necessary, their protection against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- (b) To make recommendations to the relevant authorities with the aim of improving the treatment and the conditions of the persons deprived of their liberty and to prevent torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, taking into consideration the relevant norms of the United Nations;
- (c) To submit proposals and observations concerning existing or draft legislation.

Article 20

In order to enable the national preventive mechanisms to fulfil their mandate, the States Parties to the present Protocol undertake to grant them:

- (a) Access to all information concerning the number of persons deprived of their liberty in places of detention as defined in article 4, as well as the number of places and their location;
- (b) Access to all information referring to the treatment of those persons as well as their conditions of detention;
- (c) Access to all places of detention and their installations and facilities;
- (d) The opportunity to have private interviews with the persons deprived of their liberty without witnesses, either personally or with a translator if deemed necessary, as well as with any other person who the national preventive mechanism believes may supply relevant information;
- (e) The liberty to choose the places they want to visit and the persons they want to interview;
- (f) The right to have contacts with the Subcommittee on Prevention, to send it information and to meet with it.

21. člen

1. Nobena oblast ali uradna oseba ne sme odrediti, uporabiti, dovoliti ali dopustiti kakršne koli sankcije proti nobeni osebi ali organizaciji, ker je državnemu preventivnemu mehanizmu dala resnične ali neresnične informacije, in nobene osebe ali organizacije se zaradi tega ne sme kako drugače oškodovati.

2. Zaupne informacije, ki jih zbere državni preventivni mehanizem, so zavarovane kot take. Osebni podatki pa se ne smejo objaviti brez izrecne privolitve prizadete osebe.

22. člen

Pristojni organi prizadete države pogodbenice obravnavajo priporočila državnega preventivnega mehanizma in z njim vzpostavijo dialog o mogočih ukrepih za izvajanje.

23. člen

Države pogodbenice tega protokola se zavezujejo, da bodo objavile in razširjale letna poročila državnih preventivnih organov.

V. DEL**Izjava****24. člen**

1. Ob ratifikaciji lahko države pogodbenice izjavijo, da bodo odložile izpolnjevanje svojih obveznosti iz III. ali IV. dela tega protokola.

2. Odložitev obveznosti velja največ tri leta. Odbor proti mučenju lahko podaljša to obdobje za dodatni dve leti ob utemeljenih navedbah države pogodbenice in po posvetovanjih s pododborom za preprečevanje.

VI. DEL**Finančne določbe****25. člen**

1. Stroške pododpora za preprečevanje, ki nastanejo pri izvajanju tega protokola, krijejo Združeni narodi.

2. Generalni sekretar Združenih narodov zagotovi ustrezno osebje in prostore za učinkovito opravljanje nalog pododpora za preprečevanje po tem protokolu.

Article 21

1. No authority or official shall order, apply, permit or tolerate any sanction against any person or organization for having communicated to the national preventive mechanism any information, whether true or false, and no such person or organization shall be otherwise prejudiced in any way.

2. Confidential information collected by the national preventive mechanism shall be privileged. No personal data shall be published without the express consent of the person concerned.

Article 22

The competent authorities of the State Party concerned shall examine the recommendations of the national preventive mechanism and enter into a dialogue with it on possible implementation measures.

Article 23

The States Parties to the present Protocol undertake to publish and disseminate the annual reports of the national preventive mechanisms.

PART V**Declaration****Article 24**

1. Upon ratification, States Parties may make a declaration postponing the implementation of their obligations under either part III or part IV of the present Protocol.

2. This postponement shall be valid for a maximum of three years. After due representations made by the State Party and after consultation with the Subcommittee on Prevention, the Committee against Torture may extend that period for an additional two years.

PART VI**Financial provisions****Article 25**

1. The expenditure incurred by the Subcommittee on Prevention in the implementation of the present Protocol shall be borne by the United Nations.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall provide the necessary staff and facilities for the effective performance of the functions of the Subcommittee on Prevention under the present Protocol.

26. člen

1. V skladu z ustreznimi postopki Generalne skupščine se ustanovi poseben sklad, za pomoč pri financiranju izvajanja priporočil, ki jih je pododbor za preprečevanje dal po obisku v državi pogodbenici, in za izobraževalne programe državnih preventivnih mehanizmov, ki ga je treba upravljati v skladu s finančnimi predpisi in pravili Združenih narodov.
2. Poseben sklad se lahko financira s prostovoljnimi prispevki vlad, medvladnih in nevladnih organizacij in drugih zasebnih ali javnih subjektov.

VII. DEL**Končne določbe****27. člen**

1. Protokol je na voljo za podpis vsem državam, ki so podpisale konvencijo.
2. Protokol lahko ratificira vsaka država, ki je ratificirala konvencijo ali k njej pristopila. Listine o ratifikaciji se deponirajo pri generalnem sekretarju Združenih narodov.
3. Protokol je na voljo za pristop vsem državam, ki so ratificirale konvencijo ali k njej pristopile.
4. Pristop se opravi z deponiranjem listine o pristopu pri generalnem sekretarju Združenih narodov.
5. Generalni sekretar Združenih narodov o deponiranju vsake listine o ratifikaciji ali pristopu obvesti vse države, ki so podpisale ta protokol ali k njemu pristopile.

28. člen

1. Protokol začne veljati trideseti dan po dnevu, ko se pri generalnem sekretarju Združenih narodov deponira dvajseta listina o ratifikaciji ali pristopu.
2. Za vsako državo, ki ratificira protokol ali k njemu pristopi po deponiranju dvajsete listine o ratifikaciji ali pristopu pri generalnem sekretarju Združenih narodov, začne protokol veljati trideseti dan po dnevu deponiranja njene listine o ratifikaciji ali pristopu.

29. člen

Določbe tega protokola veljajo za vse dele zveznih držav brez omejitev ali izjem.

30. člen

K temu protokolu niso dopustni pridržki.

Article 26

1. A Special Fund shall be set up in accordance with the relevant procedures of the General Assembly, to be administered in accordance with the financial regulations and rules of the United Nations, to help finance the implementation of the recommendations made by the Subcommittee on Prevention after a visit to a State Party, as well as education programmes of the national preventive mechanisms.
2. The Special Fund may be financed through voluntary contributions made by Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other private or public entities.

PART VII**Final provisions****Article 27**

1. The present Protocol is open for signature by any State that has signed the Convention.
2. The present Protocol is subject to ratification by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention. Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
3. The present Protocol shall be open to accession by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention.
4. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
5. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States that have signed the present Protocol or acceded to it of the deposit of each instrument of ratification or accession.

Article 28

1. The present Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession.
2. For each State ratifying the present Protocol or acceding to it after the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession, the present Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit of its own instrument of ratification or accession.

Article 29

The provisions of the present Protocol shall extend to all parts of federal States without any limitations or exceptions.

Article 30

No reservations shall be made to the present Protocol.

31. člen

Določbe tega protokola ne vplivajo na obveznosti držav pogodbenic po regionalnih konvencijah, ki uvajajo sistem obiskov na krajih odvzema prostosti. Pododbor za preprečevanje in organi, ustanovljeni na podlagi takih regionalnih konvencij, pa se spodbujajo k posvetovanju in sodelovanju, da bi se izognili podvajanju in učinkovito podpirali cilje tega protokola.

32. člen

Določbe tega protokola ne vplivajo na obveznosti držav pogodbenic štirih Ženevskih konvencij z dne 12. avgusta 1949 in dopolnilnih protokolov k Ženevskim konvencijam z dne 8. junija 1977, niti na možnost katere koli države pogodbenice, da pooblasti Mednarodni odbor Rdečega križa, da obiše kraje odvzema prostosti v razmerah, ki jih ne zajema mednarodno humanitarno pravo.

33. člen

1. Vsaka država pogodbenica lahko kadar koli odpove ta protokol s pisnim uradnim obvestilom, naslovljenim na generalnega sekretarja Združenih narodov, ki obvesti druge države pogodbenice tega protokola in konvencije. Odpoved začne veljati eno leto po dnevu, ko generalni sekretar prejme uradno obvestilo.

2. Odpoved države pogodbenice ne odvezuje obveznosti po tem protokolu glede katerega koli dejanja ali razmer, ki lahko nastanejo pred dnevom, ko začne odpoved veljati, ali ukrepov, za katere se je pododbor za preprečevanje odločil ali se lahko odloči, da jih sprejme glede te države pogodbenice; odpoved prav tako na noben način ne vpliva na nadaljnje obravnavanje katere koli zadeve, ki je pri pododboru za preprečevanje že v obravnavi pred dnevom, ko začne veljati odpoved.

3. Po datumu, ko začne veljati odpoved države pogodbenice, pododbor za preprečevanje ne začne obravnavati nobene nove zadeve, povezane s to državo.

34. člen

1. Vsaka država pogodbenica tega protokola lahko predlaga spremembo in jo predloži generalnemu sekretarju Združenih narodov. Generalni sekretar sporoči predlagano spremembo državam pogodbenicam tega protokola in jih zaprosi, da ga obvestijo, ali se strinjajo s konferenco držav pogodbenic zaradi obravnavanja in glasovanja o predlogu. Če se v štirih mesecih od dneva tega sporočila vsaj tretjina držav pogodbenic strinja s to konferenco, generalni sekretar skliče konferenco pod pokroviteljstvom Združenih narodov. Generalni sekretar Združenih narodov pošlje vsem državam pogodbenicam v sprejetje vsako spremembo, ki jo z dvetretjinsko večino sprejmejo države pogodbenice, ki so navzoče in glasujejo na konferenci.

2. Sprememba, sprejeta v skladu s prvim odstavkom tega člena, začne veljati, ko jo sprejmejo države pogodbenice tega protokola z dvetretjinsko večino v skladu z njihovimi ustavnimi postopki.

3. Ko začnejo spremembe veljati, so zavezujoče za vse tiste države pogodbenice, ki so jih sprejele, za druge države pogodbenice pa še naprej veljajo določbe tega protokola in katera koli prejšnja sprememba, ki so jo sprejele.

Article 31

The provisions of the present Protocol shall not affect the obligations of States Parties under any regional convention instituting a system of visits to places of detention. The Subcommittee on Prevention and the bodies established under such regional conventions are encouraged to consult and cooperate with a view to avoiding duplication and promoting effectively the objectives of the present Protocol.

Article 32

The provisions of the present Protocol shall not affect the obligations of States Parties to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols thereto of 8 June 1977, nor the opportunity available to any State Party to authorize the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit places of detention in situations not covered by international humanitarian law.

Article 33

1. Any State Party may denounce the present Protocol at any time by written notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall thereafter inform the other States Parties to the present Protocol and the Convention. Denunciation shall take effect one year after the date of receipt of the notification by the Secretary-General.

2. Such a denunciation shall not have the effect of releasing the State Party from its obligations under the present Protocol in regard to any act or situation that may occur prior to the date on which the denunciation becomes effective, or to the actions that the Subcommittee on Prevention has decided or may decide to take with respect to the State Party concerned, nor shall denunciation prejudice in any way the continued consideration of any matter already under consideration by the Subcommittee on Prevention prior to the date on which the denunciation becomes effective.

3. Following the date on which the denunciation of the State Party becomes effective, the Subcommittee on Prevention shall not commence consideration of any new matter regarding that State.

Article 34

1. Any State Party to the present Protocol may propose an amendment and file it with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Secretary-General shall thereupon communicate the proposed amendment to the States Parties to the present Protocol with a request that they notify him whether they favour a conference of States Parties for the purpose of considering and voting upon the proposal. In the event that within four months from the date of such communication at least one third of the States Parties favour such a conference, the Secretary-General shall convene the conference under the auspices of the United Nations. Any amendment adopted by a majority of two thirds of the States Parties present and voting at the conference shall be submitted by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all States Parties for acceptance.

2. An amendment adopted in accordance with paragraph 1 of the present article shall come into force when it has been accepted by a two-thirds majority of the States Parties to the present Protocol in accordance with their respective constitutional processes.

3. When amendments come into force, they shall be binding on those States Parties that have accepted them, other States Parties still being bound by the provisions of the present Protocol and any earlier amendment that they have accepted.

35. člen

Člani pododborna za preprečevanje in državnih preventivnih mehanizmov uživajo take privilegije in imunitete, ki so potrebni za neodvisno izvajanje njihovih nalog. Člani pododborna za preprečevanje uživajo privilegije in imunitete iz 22. člena Konvencije Združenih narodov o privilegijih in imunitetah z dne 13. februarja 1946 ob upoštevanju določb 23. člena te konvencije.

36. člen

Člani pododborna za preprečevanje ob obisku v državi pogodbenici uživajo privilegije in imunitete, ne da bi posegali v določbe in namene tega protokola, in sicer:

(a) spoštujejo zakone in predpise države, ki jo obiščejo;

(b) se vzdržijo katerega koli ukrepa ali dejavnosti, ki ni v skladu z nepristransko in mednarodno naravo njihovih nalog.

37. člen

1. Ta protokol, katerega besedilo v angleškem, arabskem, francoskem, kitajskem, ruskem in španskem besedilu je enako verodostojno, se deponira pri generalnem sekretarju Združenih narodov.

2. Generalni sekretar Združenih narodov pošlje overjene kopije tega protokola vsem državam.

3. člen

Za izvajanje protokola skrbi Ministrstvo za pravosodje.

4. člen

Republika Slovenija daje v zvezi s 17. členom Opcijskega protokola h Konvenciji proti mučenju in drugim krutim, nečloveškim ali poniževalnim kaznim ali ravnanju naslednjo izjavo: »Pristojnosti in naloge državnega preventivnega mehanizma po opcijskem protokolu, skladno s 17. členom, izvršuje Varuh človekovih pravic, v dogovoru z njim pa tudi nevladne organizacije, registrirane v Republiki Sloveniji ter organizacije, ki so pridobile status humanitarne organizacije v Republiki Sloveniji.«

5. člen

(1) Naloge in pooblastila državnega preventivnega mehanizma po tem protokolu izvršuje Varuh človekovih pravic. Pri opravljanju nadzora na krajih odvzema prostosti ter preverjanja ravnanja z osebami, ki jim je bila odvzeta prostost, lahko z Varuhom pri izvrševanju nalog in pooblastil Varuha po tem protokolu sodelujejo nevladne organizacije, registrirane v Republiki Sloveniji ter organizacije, ki so pridobile status humanitarne organizacije v Republiki Sloveniji, ki se ukvarjajo z varstvom človekovih pravic ali temeljnih svoboščin, zlasti s področja preprečevanja mučenja in drugih krutih, nečloveških ali poniževalnih kazni ali ravnanj.

Article 35

Members of the Subcommittee on Prevention and of the national preventive mechanisms shall be accorded such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions. Members of the Subcommittee on Prevention shall be accorded the privileges and immunities specified in section 22 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946, subject to the provisions of section 23 of that Convention.

Article 36

When visiting a State Party, the members of the Subcommittee on Prevention shall, without prejudice to the provisions and purposes of the present Protocol and such privileges and immunities as they may enjoy:

(a) Respect the laws and regulations of the visited State;

(b) Refrain from any action or activity incompatible with the impartial and international nature of their duties.

Article 37

1. The present Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit certified copies of the present Protocol to all States.

Article 3

The Ministry of Justice shall be responsible for the implementation of the Protocol.

Article 4

In connection with Article 17 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture or Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment the Republic of Slovenia hereby makes the following statement: "The competences and tasks of national preventive mechanism under the Optional Protocol, in compliance with Article 17 shall be carried out by the Human Rights Ombudsman, and with his agreement also non-governmental organisations registered in the Republic of Slovenia and organisations that have obtained the status of humanitarian organisations in the Republic of Slovenia."

Article 5

(1) The tasks and authorities of national preventive mechanism under this protocol shall be performed by the Human Rights Ombudsman. In carrying out monitoring at places of detention and checking the treatment of persons who have been deprived of their liberty, non-governmental organisations registered in the Republic of Slovenia and organisations that have obtained the status of humanitarian organisations in the Republic of Slovenia, which deal with the protection of human rights or fundamental freedoms, especially in the field of preventing torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of punishment, may cooperate with the Ombudsman in carrying out the tasks and authorities of the Ombudsman under this protocol.

(2) Organizacije, ki bodo sodelovale pri izvajanju nalog in pooblastil po določbah prejšnjega odstavka, se izberejo na podlagi javnega razpisa, katerega izvede Varuh, ki tudi odloči o izbiri organizacije. Vsebina javnega razpisa mora biti v skladu s 4. členom tega zakona ter podzakonskih aktov, izdanih na podlagi četrtega odstavka.

(3) Osebe iz izbranih organizacij, ki bodo sodelovale pri izvajanju nalog in pooblastil državnega preventivnega mehanizma po tem protokolu, podajo predhodno pisno izjavo, da bodo pri opravljanju teh nalog in pooblastil delovale po navodilih Varuha človekovih pravic in delovale po predpisih o varovanju tajnosti osebnih in tajnih podatkov, tako kot to velja za Varuha, njegove namestnike in uslužbence.

(4) Potrebne stroške in nagrade osebam iz organizacij, ki opravljajo naloge oziroma izvršujejo pooblastila po prvem odstavku, izplača Varuh človekovih pravic iz proračunskih postavk Varuha, po pravilniku, ki ga izda Varuh po predhodnem soglasju ministra, pristojnega za finance. Pravilnik se objavi v Uradnem listu Republike Slovenije.

6. člen

Ta zakon začne veljati 1. januarja 2007.

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(2) Organisations that will cooperate in the implementation of tasks and authorities under the provisions of the previous paragraph shall be chosen on the basis of public tender, which will be held by the Ombudsman, who will also decide on the choice of organisations. The content of the public tender must be in compliance with Article 4 of this Act and statutory regulations issued on the basis of the fourth paragraph.

(3) Persons from the selected organisations who will cooperate in implementing the tasks and authorities of national preventive mechanism under this Protocol shall provide a prior written declaration that in performing these tasks and authorities they will work according to the instructions of the Human Rights Ombudsman and work according to regulations on the protection of the confidentiality of personal and confidential information, as these apply for the Ombudsman and his deputies and staff.

(4) Necessary costs and rewards of persons from organisations that perform tasks or implement authorities under the first paragraph shall be paid by the Human Rights Ombudsman from budget headings of the Ombudsman, according to rules which the Ombudsman shall issue after the prior approval of the minister responsible for finance. The rules shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 6

This Act shall take effect on 1 January 2007.

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