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Seminar on combatting torture during police custody and pre-trial detention

22-23 March 2018

Eigtveds Pakhus (Asiatisk Plads 2G, 1448 Copenhagen K, Denmark)

THURSDAY

9:45-10:15 **Registration and coffee**

10:15-10:45 **Opening session**

10.15-10.45 *Moderator: Lars Bjørn Holbøll, Deputy Head of Department for International Law and Human Rights, Danish Ministry for Foreign Affairs*

Opening remarks by the Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Samuelson

Opening remarks by President of CPT, Prof. Gnatovskyy

10.45-11.45 **Sessions I – Safeguards – Part I: Criminal Justice System**

Moderator: Therese Rytter (CPT)

Experts: Ms. Julia Kozma and Mr. Richard Carver

10.45-11.00 Opening by moderator

First part of the discussions on implementation of safeguards will focus on issues related to the functioning of the **criminal justice systems and safeguards** in relation to torture prevention. This includes issues such as judicial safeguards, investigation, prosecution and complaint mechanisms.

11.00-11.45 An **introductory presentation will be made by Mr. Richard Carver**, Senior Lecturer in Human Rights and Governance Centre for Development and Emergency Practice, Oxford Brookes University. His presentation will be based on the results of the scientific study “Does torture prevention work?”

Ms. Julia Kozma, Member of the CPT and University Lecturer at University of Strasbourg will **introduce the theme and the questions** for discussion based on background paper.

11:45-12.00 **Break**

12.00-13.00 **Sessions I – Safeguards – Part I: Criminal Justice System**

After the presentations by Ms. Kozma and Mr Carver the first part of the discussions on safeguards will move into **plenary discussion**. This discussion will be guided by the questions in the background document. Member State are invited

to share national experience and best practises based on the questions raised in the background document.

The basic questions for consideration and discussion are:

- What achievements have been made in the functioning of the justice system, which operate as safeguards against torture?
- How has this change been fostered? What were the necessary (pre)conditions?
- What have been the challenges in the reform process?
- What are the remaining gaps in implementation, if any, and why do they persist?

13.00-14.00

Lunch - Eigtveds Pakhus

Hosted by the Danish Chairmanship

14.00-15.30

Sessions I – Safeguards – Part II: Detention

Second part of the discussions on implementation of safeguards will focus on **safeguards in detention**.

An **introductory presentation will be made by Mr. Richard Carver**, Senior Lecturer in Human Rights and Governance Centre for Development and Emergency Practice, Oxford Brookes University. His presentation will be based on the results of the scientific study “Does torture prevention work?”

Ms. Julia Kozma, Member of the CPT and University Lecturer at University of Strasbourg will **introduce the theme and the questions** for discussion based on background paper.

15.30-15.45

Coffee Break

15.45-17.15

Sessions I – Safeguards – Part II: Detention

After the presentations by Ms. Kozma and Mr Carver the second part of the discussions on safeguards will move into **plenary discussion**. This discussion will be guided by the questions in the background document. Member State are invited to share national experience and best practises based on the questions raised in the background document.

The basic questions for consideration and discussion are:

- What achievements have been made with regards to safeguards against torture in detention?
- How has this change been fostered? What were the necessary (pre)conditions?
- What have been the challenges in the reform process?
- What are the remaining gaps in implementation, if any, and why do they persist?

17.15-17.30

Closing of day one

FRIDAY

9.00-12.45

Sessions II - Police interviewing

Moderator: Alice Edwards (CTI)

Experts: Asbjorn Rachlew and Prof. Lawrence Alison

9.00-9.10

Opening by moderator

9.10-9.35

Presentation on by Professor Laurence Alison, Director of the Centre for Critical and Major Incident Psychology, University of Liverpool. He will be focusing on police interviewing and interrogations based on the results of his comprehensive and empirically grounded research on interrogation tactics and non-coercive interviewing, notably investigative interviewing.

9.35-10.00

Introduction to the theme and questions for discussion by expert Mr. Rachlew based on background paper

10.00-10.15

Coffee Break

10.15-12.15

Sessions II - Police interviewing

After the presentations by Professor Alison and Mr Rachlew, the discussions on police interviewing will move into **plenary discussion**. This discussion will be guided by the questions in the background document. Member State are invited to share national experience and best practises based on the questions raised in the background document.

This discussion will generally be guided by the questions in the background document along with the below questions.

The basic questions for consideration and discussion are:

- Does your country also face challenges regarding fair criminal justice outcomes arising from existing practices that could potentially benefit from new interviewing techniques? What are some of those challenges?
- If your country has adopted “investigative interviewing” techniques, what factors led them to make that change?
- What achievements and benefits have been observed with regards to – for example, prevention of torture and other abuses, changing police culture or for the overall administration of justice?
- How have these positive benefits been fostered? What were the necessary (pre)conditions?
- What steps were taken to bring about reform in this area? What have been the challenges in the reform process?
- What are the remaining gaps in implementation, if any, and why do they persist?

12.15-12.30

Closing remarks

Moderator: Mette Nørgaard Dissing-Spandet, Head of Department for International Law and Human Rights, Danish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Closing remarks by President of CPT, Prof. Gnatovskyy

12.30-13.30

Lunch - Eigtveds Pakhus

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