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Training session on monitoring of temporary detention isolators and police stations according to international human rights standards

ALMATY – On 14-16 March 2016 in the framework of the European Union and Council of Europe Joint Programme entitled “Support to the Kazakh authorities in improving the quality and efficiency of the Kazakh justice system” a three-day training session is being organised for members of the National Preventive Mechanism and the office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The training session will focus on monitoring temporary detention isolators and police stations according to international human rights standards. The Council of Europe experts will discuss with the participants the meaning of an effective and independent National Preventive Mechanism, its mandate, role, requirements, but also how to prepare a visit and how to interview persons deprived of liberty. The participants, accompanied by the experts, will undertake a monitoring visit to temporary detention facilities in Almaty.

The Joint Programme was launched in June 2014 and will be completed in July 2017. It aims to bring Kazakhstan’s criminal justice framework and institutional practice in line with European and international standards and practices by supporting the country’s authorities in their efforts to improve the justice system. The Joint Programme objectives are pursued through legislative assistance to develop and improve the regulatory framework and institutional capacity of the main stakeholders and address the systemic and/or structural problems that characterise Kazakhstan’s criminal justice system and human rights protection. Capacity-building activities for judges, prosecutors, investigators, defence lawyers, Ombudsman Institution, National Preventive Mechanism and other actors within the criminal justice system will be carried out to contribute to their institutional development and enable them to exercise their functions in line with human rights standards.

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Time and date: 14-16 March 2016, 09.00 – 18.00.

Venue: Ramada Hotel Almaty, 27/1 Baitursynov street, Almaty, Kazakhstan

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