

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September 2020, the CPT visited all places of deprivation of liberty in the Principality. It was the third periodic visit to Monaco.

In the course of the visit, no allegations of ill-treatment were received and many persons deprived of their liberty said that they had been treated with respect by law enforcement officials, prison staff and hospital personnel.

### *Central Directorate of Public Security*

The CPT notes with satisfaction that the fundamental safeguards against ill-treatment (the right to be informed of one's rights, to notify a relative, to have access to a lawyer and to a doctor) are recognised by Monegasque law and are applied effectively as a rule. On the whole, the material conditions of the holding cells appeared to be acceptable.

### *Waiting cells in the Court*

No improvements have been made to enlarge the cells in the Court, which measure less than 1 m<sup>2</sup>. The CPT regrets this situation and calls upon the authorities to put them out of service and to construct more spacious ones.

### *Monaco Remand Prison*

The Committee considers that, in spite of recent work, the remand prison remains unsuitable for prolonged periods of deprivation of liberty, in particular due to the limited access to natural light, recurrent problems of dampness and water infiltration, and the lack of space for activities, including outdoor activities. The CPT reiterates its recommendation that the establishment be transferred to a suitable prison structure.

The establishment offers an open-door regime during the day, but the number of activities or jobs remains too limited. The Committee recommends that this situation be improved and that the so-called "zero tolerance" regime be discontinued due to its indiscriminately restrictive nature.

The quality of somatic and psychiatric care was again found to be satisfactory, although efforts are still needed as regards access to a dentist, the recording of traumatic injuries, the prevention of suicides and the handling of hunger strikes.

The CPT recommends that the protocol on body searches be reviewed. It is also regrettable that contact with the outside world by remand prisoners is still subject to judicial authorisation. Otherwise, detained persons can regularly benefit from visits and telephone calls.

### *Princess Grace Hospital*

The conditions in the closed psychiatric units are good, as are the therapeutic care and treatment offered. However, improvements should be made with regard to prolonged hospitalisation and the treatment of minors and detainees requiring psychiatric care.

The involuntary hospitalisation procedure appears, on the whole, to offer the necessary safeguards to prevent possible abuse.