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ABBREVIATIONS

CPT	: European Committee for the Prevention of Torture
UN	: United Nations
CCP	: Code of Criminal Procedure
cm	: Centimeter
OPCAT	: Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
para.	: Paragraph
HREIT	: Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye
NPM	: National Preventive Mechanism

1. INTRODUCTION

1. The Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye (HREIT) was established "in order to protect and promote human rights based on human dignity, ensure the right of individuals to be treated equally, prevent discrimination in the enjoyment of legally recognized rights and freedoms, operate in line with these principles, and effectively fight against torture and cruel treatment", as indicated in article one titled Purpose and Scope of Law no.6701.
2. Türkiye signed Optional Protocol to the United Nations (UN) Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) on 14 September 2005. The objective of OPCAT, which took effect following its approval in 2011 and became binding on Türkiye, is: "to establish a system in which independent international and national bodies pay regular visits to places where people are deprived of their liberty in order to prevent torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."¹
3. As per subparagraph 9/1-1 of Law no.6701, acting as a National Preventive Mechanism(NPM) is included in the assignments of the Institution pursuant to the provisions of OPCAT. As per subparagraph 2/1-k of the Law, NPM refers to "*the system established to make regular visits to places where persons are deprived of their liberty pursuant to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment*".
4. Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP) numbered 5271, dated 4.12.2004, sets out general provisions about deprivation of liberty by police forces of a person who is highly likely to have committed a crime in the presence of solid evidence. As per article 99 of CCP, "*the material conditions in the detention facilities where persons taken into custody are to be accommodated; the officials responsible for securing and guarding the person; the health examination of the person; the records and registers to be kept concerning custody procedures*;

¹ United Nations (BM), General Assembly, Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 39/46, para. 1.

which records are to be drawn up at the beginning and end of custody and which documents are to be given to the person taken into custody; and the rules to be complied with by law enforcement officials in carrying out apprehension procedures shall be laid down in a regulation".

5. According to article 4 of the Regulation on Apprehension, Custody and Interrogation, which entered into force following publication in the Official Gazette no.25832 of 1.6.2005, a detention facility is described as "*a site made to keep suspects or the accused until completion of the proceedings about them and their transfer to judicial bodies*".
6. Subparagraph 1-j of Article 9 of Law No. 6701 says the Institution has the duty and is authorized to carry out regular visits, with or without notice, to the places where persons deprived of their liberty or placed under protection are located. Pursuant to such duty and authorization imposed by HREIT Law our Institution, as a delegation, made a visit **without notice** to detention facilities of Provincial Police Department in Diyarbakır² Public Security Branch Office, Anti-Narcotics Branch Office, Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime Branch Office, Anti-Terror Branch Office and Juvenile Crime Branch Office on 21.10.2021.
7. A visit delegation was established upon the Human Rights and Equality Board of Türkiye's resolution no. 2021/16 of 09.02.2021 and the approval of HREIT Presidency no. 4723 of 15.10.2021, and the delegation of the visit conducted on 21.10.2021 comprised.....
8. This report includes an assessment in the context of national and international norms of findings, observations and complaints obtained as a result of a visit by HREIT to Provincial Police Department in Diyarbakır, conducted as per article 9/1-j of the Law no.6701 and article 96/3 of the Regulation on the Procedures and Principles Regarding the Implementation of the Law on the Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye.

2. FINDINGS, OBSERVATIONS AND INTERVIEWS MADE IN DETENTION ROOMS

9. The visit started with a meeting with the Manager of Provincial Police Department in Diyarbakır, during which HREIT Delegation provided information on the national preventive mechanism, the purpose and method of the visit and obtained general information about Provincial Directorate.

² Hereinafter referred to as the Provincial Directorate.

After the meeting, the Delegation visited detention facilities of Public Security Branch Office, Juvenile Crime Branch Office, Anti-Terror Branch Office, Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime Branch Office and Anti-Narcotics Branch Office in the given order.

10. It was observed that main service building of Provincial Directorate has been entirely allocated to administrative work and that there is no detention facility inside the building.
11. Detention facilities of Public Security Branch Office, Anti-Terror Branch Office, Juvenile Crime Branch Office, Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime Branch Office and Anti-Narcotics Branch Office, which operate within the Provincial Directorate, provide service in different settlements and different building, whereas detention facilities of Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime Branch Office and Anti-Narcotics Branch Office provide service in the form of common use in the same premises and building.
12. During the visit, there were detained persons³ in the detention facilities of Juvenile Crime Branch Office, Anti-Terror Branch Office, Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime Branch Office and Anti-Narcotics Branch Office, and private interviews were made with all detained persons in the absence of Directorate staff⁴. There were no detained person in the detention facility of Public Security Branch Office.

2.1. Public Security Branch Office

13. Public Security Branch Office is located in former premises of Provincial Police Department. There are a total of 4 custody cells in the detention facility, and custody cell no.1 measures 265x350 cm, custody cell no.2 measures 354x350 cm, custody cell no.3 measures 255x390 cm, custody cell no.4 measures 270x290 cm. Custody cells are 255 cm high. The detention facility has a total capacity of 11 people, with custody cell no.1 and 4 having a capacity of 2, custody cell no. 2 having a capacity of 4 and custody cell no.3 having a capacity of 3.
14. It was observed that one of the custody cells has been allocated by the Administration to women, that there was no signboard or sign showing this at the entrances of the custody cell, and our delegation warned the Administration that such signboards and signs should be placed.

³ Those people in detention facilities who are deprived of their liberty will be hereinafter referred to as "a detained person".

⁴ Hereinafter respective Branch Offices will be referred to as "Office".

15. It was observed that there aren't sufficient number of fixed and durable seats in custody cells, however it was identified that the seating areas are covered with a wipeable soft mat that allows the detainees sleep comfortably.
16. It was observed that the number of blankets in the custody cells is equal to the capacity of the custody cells, that their ventilation is provided by barred doors of the custody cells, that air-conditioning is used for heating.
17. It was observed that there are 2 toilets, a bathroom and a sink in the Office, that there is no bathroom, toilet and sink for people with disabilities, that there are hygiene products such as soap and napkin by the sink, that bathroom/sink taps are functional, that there's adequate amount of hot water and that hot water is provided by electrical water heater.
18. It was observed that toilets have hygiene products and are kept clean and available for use, however that the bathroom is not adequately clean and that the shower hose in the bathroom doesn't have a shower head.
19. It was understood that potable water need of detainees is met by bottled water supplied from police house, that their need for three meals a day is met with food packets brought from the police house, that their canteen and market needs are met by the assigned staff.
20. It was observed that there's a counsel meeting room in the Office, that there's no interrogation room in the building in which detention facility is located, that 4 interrogation rooms are located in the main building of the Office, that the notice containing detention facility instructions is posted on the wall of the detention facility corridor.
21. Our delegation observed that records of Those Placed in the Detention Facility are inspected by the assigned public prosecutor, that public prosecutor regularly put down signed notes such as "They have been instructed to correct any deficiencies and exercise care on the cleaning of the detention facility" so did the Office such as "Deemed appropriate", that there's nothing lacking in the records, that all information, including detention periods, has been regularly entered into the records, that the records are regularly maintained.
22. It was learned that in case of a foreign detained person, a translator is assigned by the units conducting his inquiry, that there're forms in English, Russian, Arabic, French and German showing the foreign detainee's rights.
23. It was observed that 6 security cameras in the detention facility, including 4 in detention rooms and 2 in the corridors, make records on a 24 hours basis, that camera records are retrospectively maintained for 30 days.

It was identified that one of the cameras in the corridor sees the entrance of the detention facility and the other sees the entrance doors of the rooms.

24. During on-site inspections, it was identified that there are blind spots in the cameras in detention rooms, that the cameras don't see the door entrances, that night visions of the cameras are not clear and that the cameras cannot be visualized from Provincial Directorate, that there is no problem with retrospective follow up of the cameras.
25. During the documentation inspection conducted during the delegation, it was understood that a letter was addressed by the Office to the Provincial Directorate Administrative Department saying "the camera system in the detention facility is old, the cameras have a low level of night vision, there are blind spots outside the camera angle in detention rooms" and requesting remedy of such deficiencies, that the addressee Administrative Department hasn't taken any action about the matter yet.
26. It was identified that 9 staff work in the detention facility, that the staff work in shifts on a 12-36 hour basis, that a total of three security staff, including 1 female and 2 males, work in each shift, that there is adequate number of staff.
27. It was understood that the staff working in the office haven't received any training on human rights over the last one year, that the staff received a course titled "Police Public Relations-Citizen Addresses and Behaviors".

2.2. Juvenile Crime Branch Office

28. It was observed that the detention facility of Juvenile Crimes Office, affiliated with the Office, is located in the basement of the building, that access to the detention facility is provided by going down the common stairs located across the building entrance.
29. It was determined that the detention facility consists of a total of 2 custody cells, including a male custody cell and a female custody cell, that male custody cell measures 284x478 cm and female custody cell measures 328x478 cm and they are 2.64 cm high.
30. It was understood that the custody cells opening to the same corridor have a total capacity of 10 people, that the density of custody cells is not high, that if the existing capacity is exceeded, the storage room on the 2nd floor of the building is used as a custody cell.
31. During the visit, there was a 17-year-old detained person in the detention facility.

32. It was observed that the detention facility is heated by the heater cores and air-conditioner in the corridor, that the rooms have adequate number of fixed and durable seats, but that the seat's surface is hard so it's not suitable for a comfortable sleep.
33. It was observed that although the capacity of the detention facility is 10 people, there're a total of 8 blankets during the inspection of the custody cells and storage room, and our delegation warned that the number of blankets should be proportional to the capacity of the detention facility.
34. It was observed that there are windows for natural lights in detention facilities, that the natural light is insufficient due to a metal textured cover on the windows, that lighting is reinforced by projector system.
35. It was observed that there's a bathroom, a toilet and a sink in the detention facility, that there's no bathroom, toilet or sink for people with disabilities, that there's no soap by the sink, no napkins in the toilet, that the bathroom is not adequately clean, that there's hot water and shower head in the bathroom. Further, it was observed that in the outer section of the entrance to the detention facility, there's a sink equipped with necessary hygiene materials.
36. The Administration reported that the detention facility is cleaned by cleaning staff on a daily basis, that once the detainees' transfer procedures are complete, the detention facility is regularly disinfected.
37. The Administration reported that the detained persons' food needs are met with food packets brought from the police house, that the detained persons don't have access to the canteen or the market. It was understood that the detainee persons' need for potable water is met with bottled water provided together with food packets, that if they require additional water, the assigned staff meets such requirement. The interviewed detained person told that the food is good and that the water need is met adequately.
38. It was observed that in case of a medical emergency, the first intervention is made in the State Hospital adjacent to the Office service building, that the medications of detained persons holding a doctor's report are given by the staff within knowledge of the public prosecutor, consulting medical officers.
39. The interviewed detained person stated that his needs are met, that he hasn't encountered any cruel treatment, that his family is timely and duly informed of his situation.
40. It was observed that there's a counsel meeting room and 4 interrogation rooms in the Office, and that the detention facility instructions are posted on the wall of the corridor.

41. It was seen by our delegation that the records of those taken to the detention facility have been regularly entered and are complete, that such records are regularly inspected by the assigned public prosecutor.
42. It was learned that in case of a foreign detained person, a translator is assigned by the units conducting his inquiry, that there're no forms in foreign languages showing the foreign detainee's rights.
43. It was observed that there are 26 security cameras in the Office, that the cameras generate records on a 24 hours basis, that there're 3 cameras in the section where the detention facility is located, that the cameras only capture footage of the corridors, that there is no camera in detention rooms, that there's problem with respective monitoring of camera footage, that there's no blind spot in the cameras and that the cameras can make retrospective records of 50 days.
44. There's a social services expert working full time in the Office. During the interview with the social services expert, he stated that he makes private interviews with all detainees and children pushed to crime in line with the public prosecutor's request, that he submits the reports prepared by him as a result of such meetings to the respective Organizations.
45. It was understood that the staff working in the office haven't received any training on human rights over the last one year.

2.3. Anti-Terror Branch Office

46. It was observed that the detention facility of the Anti-terror Branch Office is located in the basement of the Office, that the detention facility has 2 individual entrances.
47. The detention facility was divided into two sections as blocks A and B. There're a total of 22 custody cells in the detention facility, including 10 custody cells in block A and 12 in block B. The custody cells doors are closed iron doors, and all custody cell open to the corridor.
48. All custody cells in the detention facility measure 225x335 cm and have a ceiling height of 3.25 m. It was observed that individual custody cells are available for female and male detained person, that 2 custody cells are allocated to female detained person and all custody cells have a capacity of 1 person.
49. It was observed that there were 12 detained persons in the detention facility at the time of the visit, that the majority of the detained persons are people who were taken into custody while doing their military service in various provinces in Türkiye.

50. It was reported that the seats in the custody cells are soft and covered with a fabric matt, that there are blankets and prayer rugs in all rooms, that the floors are very clean, that the blankets are washed in the laundry of mobile force Branch Office once a month.
51. It was observed that the ventilation is provided via the ventilation window opening from the custody cells to the corridor, that heating is provided by 4 electrical heaters in block B and 2 free-standing air-conditioners in block A, that there's no heating system inside the custody cell.
52. There's no window receiving natural light in custody cells. Lighting is provided by light given from the window opening to the corridor for ventilation into the room. One of the interviewed detained person said the light given from the ventilation window into the custody cell to light the cell directly comes to the seats and the light is switched on 24 hours so he cannot sleep. During the inspection conducted by the visit delegation, it was observed that the light given from the ventilation section to light the custody cell directly comes to the seats in the cells and if it remains switched on all the time, this will prevent the detained persons from sleeping.
53. It was observed that the detention facility is regularly cleaned by the relevant staff, that there're 5 toilets, 2 bathrooms and 5 sinks in the section where the detention rooms are located, that there is no toilet, bathroom or sink for people with disabilities, that female and male toilets and bathrooms are separate, that the detainees have access to showering facilities and adequate amount of hot water, that hot water is provided by a combi boiler.
54. It was understood that the meal needs of the detained persons are met with food packets brought from the police house, that detained persons with special nutritional needs are provided with food packets appropriate to their needs, in the interviews made with the detainees, it was determined that three meals a day are provided regularly, that the food is filling and delicious, and it was understood that 500 ml of bottled water is provided to the detainees for each meal, that additional bottled water is provided by the staff upon request.
55. During the interviews with the detained persons, it was understood that they are given information about their detention, that their families were notified of such situation timely and appropriately, that they're allowed to meet their counsels.
56. From the statements of the detained persons, it was understood that they didn't encounter any cruel treatment during their time in the Office, that the staff treated them well, in accordance with human rights and dignity.

57. It was learned that ambulance service is provided in case of a medical emergency, that there was no problem on this matter. During the interview made with one of the detained persons, he stated that although he got sick in morning hours, the staff immediately called an ambulance and took him to the hospital.
58. It was observed that there are 8 interrogation rooms and 3 counsel meeting rooms in the Office, that the detainees are interrogated by the respective branch staff in the interrogation rooms and that the detention facility instructions are posted on the wall of the corridor.
59. It was understood that the records of those taken to the detention facility is regularly inspected by the assigned public prosecutor, that such records are duly maintained and the records are complete.
60. It was learned that in case of a foreign detained person, a translator is assigned in coordination with the judicial authorities, but there are no forms in foreign languages showing the foreign detainee's rights.
61. It was observed that there are 48 security cameras in the Office, that the cameras generate records on a 24 hours basis, that the camera records are retrospectively stored for 30 days, that the cameras can be watched retrospectively, that all detention rooms have cameras, mounted on the ceiling of the room, that thus there are no blind spots in the custody cells.
62. It was understood that there are 3 female and 13 male staff working in the detention facility, that the staff work on a 12-36 hour principle and the female detainees taken to the detention facility are taken care of by female staff.
63. It was determined that in 2021, 25 staff working in the Office received "Anti-terror and Human Rights Course".

2.4. Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime Branch Office and Anti-Narcotics Branch Office

64. Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime Branch Office and Anti-Narcotics Branch Office jointly use the detention facility in the Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime Branch Office building.

65. It was observed that the facility has 6 custody cells, that the custody cells, measures 200x600 cm, that they are 300 cm high, that the facility is located in the basement of the building, that the facility was renovated in February 2021, 1 of which is allocated to female detained persons and 5 to male detainees, that there were 17 detained persons at the time of the visit.
66. It was seen that ventilation is provided by barred custody cells doors as well as the ventilation system in the custody cells, that heating is provided by heating cores in the corridors.
67. It was seen that the Office has a male toilet, a male bathroom, a female toilet and bathroom and a sink, that there is no bathroom, toilet or sink suitable for people with disabilities.
68. It was observed that the cleaning staff of the branch office clean the detention facility, that the facility is regularly disinfected by the respective municipality, that the toilets and bathrooms are very clean, that there is enough hot water, cleaning materials in the bathroom, that hygiene rules are followed.
69. It was understood that the meal needs of detained persons are met with food packets brought from the police house, that if the detained person reports that he's vegetarian, follows a specific diet or requires a specific nutrition for his health, appropriate food is provided to him.
70. It was learned that in case of a medical emergency, the first intervention is performed by the staff qualified in first aid, then assistance is received from 112 Emergency Call Center.
71. During the interviews with the detained persons, it was understood that they are given information about their detention, that their families were notified of such situation, that they are allowed to meet their counsels, that they didn't encounter any cruel treatment during their time in the Office.
72. It was observed that there's a counsel meeting room and 3 interrogation rooms in the Office, that there's no equipment capable of recording footage or sound in such rooms, that the detention facility instructions and the Regulation on Apprehension, Custody and Interrogation are posted on the walls of the corridor.
73. It was understood that the records of those taken to the detention facility is regularly inspected by the assigned public prosecutor, that such records are duly maintained and the records are complete, that all information, including detention periods, are comprehensible.

74. It was learned that in case of a foreign detained person, a translator is assigned in coordination with the judicial authorities, that there are no forms in foreign languages showing the foreign detainee's rights.
75. It was observed that there are a total of 15 security cameras, 2 in each room and 3 in the corridor, in the detention facility, that the cameras record footage 24 hours basis, that camera records are stored retrospectively for 30 days, that the cameras seeing the detention facility corridors, to which doors open, have no blind spots, that there's no problem in retrospective monitoring of the cameras.
76. It was understood that there's an adequate number of female and male staff in the Office to be assigned in the detention facility, that 14 staff received training on human rights over the last one year.

3. EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

77. The activities conducted by HREIT under NPM are based on the principle of cooperation in line with a positive communication with the visited institutions. The Offices provided the delegation with access to all sections without delay, took the necessary measures to enable private interviews with the detained persons, and provided access to the necessary information and documentation. In this context, our visiting delegation welcomed the cooperative attitude of the Provincial Directorate, the Administrations of the Offices visited as well as their staff during the visit.

3.1. (Common) Evaluation and Recommendations to Provincial Police Department

78. Given our finding that none of the Branch Offices visited, except for Public Security Branch Office, have any materials giving information to the detainees, such as a brochure, a booklet, etc., except for "The Accused's Rights Form" and "Detention Facility Instructions", or any written form showing the rights of foreign detainees in a language which they understand, as per CPT's recommendation "*It is imperative that persons taken into police custody are expressly informed of their rights without delay and in a language which they understand*"⁵, materials such as informative brochures, booklets, forms for those put in custody in a language which they can understand should be made available to them or posted in noticeable sites,

⁵ European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment CPT Standards, CPT/Inf/(2002) 9, para. 16.

79. As per CPT's recommendation "*The questioning of criminal suspects is a specialist task which calls for specific training if it is to be performed in a satisfactory manner. First and foremost, the precise aim of such questioning must be made crystal clear: that aim should be to obtain accurate and reliable information in order to discover the truth about matters under investigation, not to obtain a confession from someone already presumed, in the eyes of the interviewing officers, to be guilty. In addition to the provision of appropriate training, ensuring adherence of law enforcement officials to the above-mentioned aim will be greatly facilitated by the drawing up of a code of conduct for the questioning of criminal suspects.*"⁶
- , The subjects of investigation and documentation of torture and cruel treatment, including human rights and UN's Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, Degrading Treatment or Punishments, Istanbul Protocol, should be included in-service training curriculum of the Office staff;
80. As per CPT's recommendation "*Persons in custody should be allowed to comply with the needs of nature when necessary in clean and decent conditions, and be offered adequate washing facilities.*"⁷, given the fact that in the Public Security Branch office visited, the bathroom wasn't clean enough, that there was no shower head in the bathroom, that there was no sign or signboard indicating to which sex the rooms have been allocated at the entrance of the detention rooms; a shower head preventing one from inflicting self-harm should be mounted in the bathroom in the detention facility of Public Security Branch Office, care should be exercised during cleaning of the bathroom, a sign or a signboard indicating to which sex the room has been allocated should be mounted at the entrance of the custody cells, and given that in Juvenile Crimes Branch Office, the bathroom is not clean enough, that there were no cleaning materials such as soap and napkins by the sinks, care should be exercised during cleaning of the bathroom and such deficiencies should be remedied and such issues should be followed up,
81. Given that the seats in Juvenile Crimes Branch Office are hard and uncomfortable, that the number of available blankets in the detention facility is not equal to its capacity, as per CPT's recommendation "*All police cells should be clean and of a reasonable size for the number of persons they are used to accommodate, and have adequate lighting (i.e. sufficient to read by, sleeping periods excluded); preferably cells should enjoy natural light.*

⁶ European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment CPT Standards, CPT/Inf/(2002) 9, para. 34.

⁷ European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment CPT Standards, CPT/Inf/(2002) 8, para. 42.

- Further, cells should be equipped with a means of rest, and persons obliged to stay overnight in custody should be provided with a clean mattress and clean blankets.”*⁸, the seats should be covered with a soft material so that the detainees can comfortably sleep on them and the number of blankets should be increased to 10, which is the detainee capacity of the detention facility,
82. Given that there are no toilets available for people with disabilities kept under custody in any of the Offices visited, that there's no facilitating physical equipment such as support railings in the toilet, sink and bathroom sections, as per article 14 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which reads *"States Parties shall ensure that if persons with disabilities are deprived of their liberty through any process, they are, on an equal basis with others, entitled to guarantees in accordance with international human rights law and shall be treated in compliance with the objectives and principles of the present Convention, including by provision of reasonable accommodation.”*⁹ , disabled-friendly practices should be launched in all custody cells of the Office and such cells should be rendered suitable for the disabled,
83. *"In terms of preventing mistreatments and ensuring their documentation so that this will be in the interest both of persons who have been ill-treated by the police and of police officers confronted with unfounded allegations that they have engaged in physical ill-treatment or psychological pressure”*¹⁰, the cameras in the detention facility of the Public Security Branch Office should be replaced with clear and high night vision quality cameras, which should be then re-adjusted so that there will be no blind spots in the rooms; cameras should be placed in the custody cells of the Juvenile Crimes Branch Office; further, a notice indicating that the areas where the detainees are located are monitored by cameras should be posted at the entrance of and inside the custody cells in all Offices,
84. Given that in the detention facility of the Anti-Terror Branch Office, the light provided from the corridors to lighten the custody cell is switched on 24 hours a day and comes directly to the seats in the cells and that there's no natural light in the cells, that there's no natural light in Juvenile Crimes Branch Office, as per CPT's recommendation *"All police cells should be clean and of a reasonable size for the number of persons they are used to accommodate, and have adequate lighting (i.e. sufficient to read by, sleeping periods excluded) and ventilation conditions; preferably cells should enjoy natural light.”*¹¹,

⁸ European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment CPT Standards, CPT/Inf/(2002) 7, para. 42.

⁹ United Nations (BM), General Assembly, *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*, A/RES/61/106 (2006), a.14.

¹⁰ European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment CPT Standards, CPT/Inf/(2002) 10, para. 36.

the lighting system of the cells should be re-adjusted in such a way as to allow the detained persons to rest and sleep and natural light should be provided to the cells.

¹¹ European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment CPT Standards, CPT/Inf/(2002) 13, para. 47.