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Mr Irakli Giviashvili
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Georgia
to the Council of Europe
6, rue Jean Hermann
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Strasbourg, 3 September 2018

Dear Ambassador,

Subject: Visit to Georgia by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)

1. Further to my letter of 27 August 2018, I would like to inform you of the places of deprivation of liberty in Georgia which the CPT's delegation intends to visit. The places are the following:

Establishments under the authority of the Ministry of Internal Affairs

- police detention facilities (including the Temporary Detention Isolator) in Tbilisi
- police detention facilities (including the Temporary Detention Isolator) in Kutaisi
- Temporary Accommodation Center for Irregular Migrants, Tbilisi

Establishments under the Ministry of Justice

- Pre-trial and Closed-Type Penitentiary Establishment No. 8
- Medical Establishment for Pre-trial and Sentenced Inmates No. 18

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Establishments under the authority of the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs

- National Mental Health Center named after the academician B. Naneishvili, Kutiri.

I should also underline that the delegation of the CPT may decide during its stay in Georgia to visit other places where persons are deprived of their liberty.

2. I would be grateful if the following information could be provided to the delegation at the outset of its visit in respect of **Pre-trial and Closed-Type Penitentiary Establishment No. 8**:

- i) a simple map showing the different parts (inmate quarters, administration and medical facilities, etc.) of the establishment;
- ii) a general description of the current inmate population - total number of inmates, categories of inmates (on remand, convicted, others) and the number of inmates within each category, sex and age range of the inmates, etc.;
- iii) a general organisation chart showing the management structure, together with an indication of official and actual staff numbers;
- iv) the principal stages of the day in the establishments - unlocking and locking-up times, meal times, staff shift-change times, etc.;
- v) an account of the regime activities offered (numbers of inmates engaged in work, educational activities, organised sports, etc.).

As regards the **Medical Establishment for Pre-trial and Sentenced Inmates No. 18** and the **National Mental Health Center named after the academician B. Naneishvili**, I would be grateful if the information requested under items i), iii), iv) and v) could be provided. Further, as regards the latter establishment, I would also be grateful if a description of the patients placed on an involuntary basis (categories, number within each category, age range) could be added.

3. May I recall that the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment stipulates *inter alia*:

- i) that Parties shall provide the Committee with:
"unlimited access to any place where persons are deprived of their liberty, including the right to move inside such places without restriction"
(Article 8, paragraph 2 (c));
- ii) that the Committee "may interview in private persons deprived of their liberty"
(Article 8, paragraph 3).

I hope that the authorities and staff in all places of deprivation of liberty in Georgia will be made aware of this. I would add that the delegation is looking forward to having a fruitful dialogue with all professional groups involved at the places visited (management, Internal Affairs and prison officers, doctors and nursing staff, etc.).

4. Finally, it should be noted that visits to places of deprivation of liberty will take place as from **Tuesday, 11 September 2018**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mykola Gnatovskyy

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