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The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to inform the Office of the designation of Iceland's National Preventative Mechanism as requested in the communication from the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT).

As required by the optional protocol, the Icelandic parliament has designated the Althing Ombudsman (<https://www.umbodsmadur.is/en>) as the National Preventative Mechanism with amendments to the law establishing the office. These amendments were approved by the parliament of Iceland on 13 December 2018. A translation of the law and the amendments thereto are in the process of being translated and will be shared with the office once available in English.

This designation by law and the function of the office of the Ombudsman as the National Preventative Mechanism are in line with the Guidelines on national preventive mechanisms (CAT/OP/12/5) and the Mission further has the honour to inform that the Office of the Ombudsman has set up a dedicated site to inform on its function as the NPM (<https://www.umbodsmadur.is/opcat>) and has designated the contact person for future communication and designated focal points for OPCAT as Rannveig Stefánsdóttir (rannveig@umb.althingi.is) and Vilhelmina Osk Olafsdóttir (helma@umb.althingi.is).

The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations Office in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Permanent Mission of Iceland
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