

Annex III

Zdeněk HÁJEK (Czech Republic)

Date and place of birth

21 July 1950, Havlíčkův Brod, Czech Republic

Working languages

Czech, English, Russian, German and French (basic knowledge)

Current positions/functions

- since 2007 Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT)
- since 2000 Member of the Committee against Torture and Other Inhuman, Cruel and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Council for Human Rights (advisory body to the Government of the Czech Republic)
- since 1974 Lawyer

Main professional activities

Practising lawyer specialized in civil, penal and commercial law.

As a current member of the SPT and during his 11 years of membership in the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) participated in 30 visits in 17 countries, including as a Head of the Delegation of the CPT during its 6 visits to the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation between 2000-2005. In the framework of these visits conducted monitoring of numerous facilities where persons deprived of liberty may be held, such as police stations, prisons, detention centres, psychiatric hospitals etc. Held interviews in private with persons deprived of liberty at places of detention; handled contacts with other persons able to provide relevant information, high-level talks with representatives of Governments, meetings with NGOs and representatives of local authorities. Prepared draft reports on visits and presented them to the SPT and CPT plenary meetings.

Educational background

- 1973 Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague, Doctor of Law

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

- 1996 - 2007 Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)
- 1990 - 2005 Advisor to Director General of the Prison Service of the Czech Republic
- 2001 - 2003 Second Vice-President of the CPT
- 1990 - 1995 Advisor to Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic
- 1990 - 1992 Member of the Commission for Prison Affairs, Parliament of the Czech Rep.

Speaker/panelist at: Seminar on Monitoring of Places of Detention (Turkey 2008), Regional Conference on the Optional Protocol to CAT (South Africa 2008), Conference on Optional Protocol to CAT (UK 2007), Seminar on the European Convention on Human Rights (Slovak Republic 2006), International Conference on European Prisons (Czech Republic 2004)

List of most recent publications in the field

April 2006 - *“Significance of the CPT for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment – cooperation between the CPT and States Parties”*, presentation at the seminar on the European Convention on Human Rights, (Slovak Republic).

June 2004 - *“Material conditions in European prisons from the point of view of inspection visits by the CPT”*, presentation at the international conference “European Prison Systems” (Czech Republic).