



The Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment invites you to

the twentieth anniversary of the
The Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

and the fifteenth anniversary of the
The Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture

on Thursday 9 February 2023
(In presence and online)

3 to 6 p.m.: Conferences and debates in room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva, broadcasted on UN TV.

6.15 to 7.30 p.m.: Reception at the Mezzanine, Building E, Palais des Nations.

The OPCAT was adopted on 18 December 2002. On 22 June 2006, ratified by 20 States Parties, the treaty entered into force and the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) began its activities in February 2007.

In 2022, the OPCAT entered its 20th year of existence and the SPT its 15th year of activity. The SPT, as the treaty body established by the OPCAT, works closely with national preventive mechanisms (NPM), relevant State authorities and other organizations in the field of prevention of torture.

The SPT is inviting all stakeholders to this event to discuss achievements, ideas and inputs on the challenges ahead, as well as to explore and share good practices regarding the effective implementation of the OPCAT and the cooperation between all stakeholders. This discussion will help to shape the next stage of this action focussed treaty.

Details will be announced shortly.