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Subcommittee on the Prevention of  
Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or  
Degrading Treatment or Punishment

## **Response to draft general comment No. 1 on places of deprivation of liberty (article 4)**

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Dear Members of the SPT,

Thank you for this opportunity to present the views of the Swedish NPM, the Parliamentary Ombudsmen, on the draft of the general comment No. 1 on places of deprivation of liberty (article 4).


As far as the Swedish NPM is concerned, the difficulties and limitations in relation to Article 4, which were described in the official letter signed by former Chief Parliamentary Ombudsman Elisabeth Rynning on 31 May 2021, still remain. At this stage, my three Ombudsman colleagues Thomas Norling, Katarina Pålsson and Per Lennerbrant and I do not have any further comments on the draft.

Having said that, we would like to inform the members of the SPT that in our consultation response to a public inquiry reviewing i.a. our mandate in 2022, we brought these issues to the attention of the Swedish Parliament.

We would like to express our warm thanks for the work the committee has put into further clarifying the definition of Article 4.

On behalf of the Swedish Parliamentary Ombudsmen,

Sincerely,



Erik Nymansson