

Annex III

Biographical data form of candidates to the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)
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Name and first name: Nika Kvaratskhelia

Date and place of birth: 15/12/1982, Sokhumi, Georgia

Working languages: Georgian (native), English, Russian

Professional background: Lawyer

Educational background:
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2007/2008 – LLM in international and European law, Riga Graduate School of Law (OSI scholarship);
2000/2005 – Bachelor degree in international law, Tbilisi State University; **2004/2005** - training course in international law, Georgian Young Lawyers Association; Among other, training courses in management, torture prevention, recording bodily injuries, forensic photography, mental health, report writing, communication skills, monitoring security sector, discrimination, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Current position/function:
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Head of the National Preventive Mechanism Department at the Office of the Public Defender of Georgia (PDO), responsible for coordinating and supervising proper discharge of functions of the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) of Georgia; member of the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT), member of the SPT's Working Group on Health Aspects of Prevention of Torture; Head of the SPT's regional team for Asia and the Pacific; Member (expert) of the OMCT's Covid-19 Crisis Action Group.

Main professional activities:
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Since December 2013, the Head of the National Preventive Mechanism Department, PDO; **member of the Sounding Board** for the NPM toolkit project (APT); **July-December 2013**, Member of the Special Preventive Group; **2010/2013** - CSO "Youth for Justice - Georgia", co-founder, lawyer; **July-December 2013**, "University Research Co." Legal adviser (USAID Tuberculosis Prevention Project); **June-November 2013**, Embassy of Sweden in Georgia, adviser on the right to fair trial; **2010/2013** – Translation Bureau of International Treaties of Georgia, translator/proofreader; **January-February 2012**, "Latvian Centre for Human Rights", researcher on the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly; **2010/2013** - Member of the Georgian Bar Association (public, criminal and civil law); **2008/2010** – "Human Rights Priority", lawyer (litigation before ECtHR). Certified trainer.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:
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OMCT's Covid-19 Crisis Action Group's **speaker on the impact of Covid-19 pandemic related restrictions on persons deprived of their liberty**; **speaker on the risk factors of torture during the pandemic**, EU NGO Human Rights Forum; **panelist, Global Prison Trends: During and Beyond the Global Pandemic** - ancillary meeting at the 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice; **speaker on the role of human rights education** - expert workshop organized pursuant to the Human Rights Council resolution 33/6 (OHCHR); **panelist, the role of national oversight mechanisms**, seminar on the implementation of effective safeguards to prevent torture during police custody and pre-trial detention (OHCHR); **speaker on the issue of overcrowding**, PRI/CAT workshop; **panelist, OPCAT ten years of preventing torture; added value and lessons learnt**, 10th anniversary of the OPCAT; **Speaker on assessment of treatment and the risk of overmedication**, Symposium on monitoring psychiatric institutions (APT).

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:
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Supervisor and co-author of 9 NPM annual reports; 8 special reports on childcare, eldercare, homes for persons with disabilities, mental health institutions, police custody and the Covid-19 quarantine spaces; 3 thematic study reports on the complaints mechanism in the penitentiary system, the impact of detention conditions on the health of prisoners and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on prisoners and prison staff; 30 reports following regular, preventive visits to places of deprivation of liberty¹.

¹ These reports are available at: <https://ombudsman.ge/geo/preventsiiis-erovnuli-mekanizmis-angarishebi>