

Annex III

Biographical data form of candidates to the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)

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Name and first name:Yekmalyan Mushegh

Date and place of birth:19 April 1974.....

Working languages:English, Russian.....

Professional background:

Over 20 years of professional experience in torture prevention. As a Human Rights Officer of the OSCE Office in Yerevan was one of the main experts advising the government on establishment of the Civil Society Monitoring Group for penitentiary system and later in 2006 became one of the leading experts in the campaign for OPCAT ratification and establishment of the NPM in Armenia. Worked as a legal consultant on torture prevention with the ICRC delegation in Armenia. Championed the implementation of the Istanbul Protocol in Armenia organizing the first Istanbul Protocol training for multidisciplinary team of experts. As Head of the European Affairs Office of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims in Brussels was the main adviser to the EU External Action Service on Torture Prevention for the EU-third country human rights dialogues.

Managed the largest EU funded three-year project on Torture Prevention and Penitentiary reform with Penal Reform International in nine countries (Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan). For more than six years worked for the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims starting as a Regional Coordinator for Eurasia region and then as a Director of the EU Office of IRCT and Head of European Affairs.

Educational background:

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Advanced Human Rights Course, Abo Academy, Finland 2010

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Law & International Relations 2001 - 2002
Lancaster University, School of Law, United Kingdom

Honors Diploma (with distinction) in International Relations 1991 - 1996
Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia

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Current position/function:

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Torture Prevention expert, Member of the European Commission Experts Group for the Implementation of the EU 'Anti-Torture Regulation.

Since 2014 is the Chairman of Torture Prevention Working Group of the Civic Solidarity Platform.

Since 2021 works as an EU Expert on Evaluation of Torture Prevention programmes of National Action Plans on Human Rights.

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Main professional activities:
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EU Expert on evaluation of torture prevention activities within justice sector reform (police and penitentiary reforms)
International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) Regional Coordinator for two years
Head of European Affairs office of IRCT, Istanbul Protocol trainer, five years
IRCT Torture Prevention Project Manager in Western Balkans, three years
Penal Reform International, Manager of Torture Prevention and Rehabilitation EU funded multiregional project, Member of the UK FCO Torture Prevention Subcommittee, three years
World Organisation on Prevention of Torture (OMCT), Senior Human Rights Adviser, two years
OSCE Office in Yerevan, Human Rights Officer, criminal justice sector reform and torture prevention three years,
ICRC, Legal Adviser on Torture Prevention matters, one year
OSCE ODIHR, Human Dimension Officer, three years
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Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:
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Participated in the NHRI forum organized by the APT and OHCHR in Geneva as a speaker.
As a Chairman of the Torture Prevention Working Group of the Civic Solidarity Platform was invited by the Swiss Chairmanship to present the victim centered holistic rehabilitation for torture victims at the OSCE Permanent Council Meeting in Vienna in 2015.
On June 26, 2017 was invited by the EU Parliament DROI committee as a key note speaker on the torture prevention in light of the migration crisis in EU.
Participated in the European Asylum Support Office's (EASO) annual meeting in Malta (2015) and Trapani, Italy (2017), visited the detention facility for migrants in Trapani (the hot spot) and monitored the material conditions and health care service.
As a certified Mandela Rules Expert was invited by the OSCE Mission in Skopje to train the prison staff and review the prison house rules of North Macedonia.
Trained the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission monitors in Ukraine on monitoring and reporting human rights related issues in the closed institutions.
Member of the Council of Europe Roster of Penitentiary experts.
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List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:
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Mechanisms for the prevention of torture in the Western Balkans sub region: Albania, Montenegro and Serbia
<http://www.yih.me/eng/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Publikacija-Eng.pdf>
Mechanisms for prevention of torture in nine CIS states
<https://cdn.penalreform.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/MECHANISMS-FOR-THE-PREVENTION-Full-1.pdf>
Torture in Asia: The law and practice (section on Kazakhstan)
<http://www.redress.org/downloads/publications/130729asia-report.pdf>
How institutional culture and 'alternative management' in prisons contribute to torture and ill-treatment
<https://www.penalreform.org/blog/institutional-culture-alternative-management-prisons-contribute-torture-illtreatment/>
Institutional culture in detention: a framework for preventive monitoring
<https://www.penalreform.org/blog/institutional-culture-detention-framework-preventive-monitoring/>