

## THE COMMISSIONER FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS HUNGARY

Mr Ivan Selih Deputy Ombudsman Head of Optional Protocol Affairs

Dunajska 56 1109 Ljubljana Republic of Slovenia

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Dear colleague,

I hereby would like to inform you that Hungary ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (hereinafter referred to as "OPCAT") on 1 January 2012. I shall perform the duties of the National Preventive Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as "NPM"), as required by Article 3 of OPCAT, from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015, as the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights.

As part of the preparation for performing the duties of NPM, the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights intends to join the South-East Europe (SEE) NPM Network as an observer.

On behalf of our Office, Deputy Head of Department, dr. Katalin Haraszti, has been appointed as a focal person (<u>Haraszti.Katalin@ajbh.hu</u>, phone: 00 36 1 475 71 32). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact her.

I am looking forward to this invaluable cooperation and hope to be able to meet in person soon.

Sincerely,

