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Concerning Annual report NPM 2012 - The Netherlands

Dear Professor Evans,

It is my pleasure to present to you the second annual report on behalf of the Dutch National Preventive Mechanisms (NPMs).¹ This report has been developed as a joint effort by the different NPMs.

The NPMs conclude that the rights of persons that have been deprived of their freedom in the Netherlands are generally respected adequately. Several shortcomings, that were observed in earlier years, have been addressed. However, improvements remain desirable. For example with regards to the continuity and stability in qualified staff and a meaningful activity programme. Further, special attention is necessary for the physical interventions in juvenile institutions (Jeugdzorg^{plus}), the regime in immigration detention centres, the manner in which restrictive measures are applied in residential care for the elderly and persons with a physical or mental disability.

The annual report will be presented, together with the other NPMs, to the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Security and Justice. The report will also be made public on our website.

¹ The Dutch NPM consists of: Inspectorate Security and Justice (IVenJ), Healthcare Inspectorate (IGZ), Inspectorate for Youth Care (IJZ), Supervisory Commission on Repatriation (CITT), Council for the Administration of Criminal Justice and Protection of Juveniles (RSJ) and associates: Commissions of oversight for penitentiaries, Commissions of oversight for the police cells, Commission of oversight for military detention and National Ombudsman.

The Inspectorate is looking forward to being in contact with the SPT about the forthcoming 'advisory NPM visit' in 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. J.G. Bos

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