

APPENDIX

Election procedure:

According to [Article 4](#) of the [European Convention for the prevention of torture and inhuman and degrading treatment](#) (ECPT [ETS no. 126¹], the CPT shall consist of a number of members equal to that of the Parties.

The members shall be chosen from among persons of high moral character, known for their competence in the field of human rights or having professional experience in the areas covered by the Convention.

No two members of the Committee may be nationals of the same State.

The members shall serve in their individual capacity, shall be independent and impartial, and shall be available to serve the Committee effectively.

According to [Article 5](#) ECPT, the members of the Committee shall be elected by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe by an absolute majority of votes, from a list of names drawn up by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; each national delegation of the Parties in the Assembly shall put forward three candidates, of whom two at least shall be its nationals.

The members of the Committee shall be elected for a period of four years. They may be re-elected twice.

The Assembly's requirements with regard to the fairness and transparency of the national procedure for the selection of candidates and the standards applicable to candidates are laid down in [Resolutions 1248 \(2001\)](#), [1540 \(2007\)](#) and [2160 \(2017\)](#).

According to [Resolutions 1248 \(2001\)](#), [1540 \(2007\)](#) and [2160 \(2017\)](#), the lists of candidates will be examined by the Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, which will draw up a recommendation to the Assembly's Bureau listing candidates in order of preference or possibly recommend that the Bureau request a new list to be submitted to it if the relevant criteria have not been met.

Relevant texts:

[European Convention for the prevention of torture and inhuman and degrading treatment](#) (cf. Articles 4 and 5);

[Recommendation 1323 \(1997\)](#) on strengthening the machinery of the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (cf. § 7);

[Resolution 1248 \(2001\)](#) on European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT): composition (cf. §§ 6 and 7);

[Resolution 1540 \(2007\)](#) of the Parliamentary Assembly on Improving selection procedures for CPT members (cf. §§ 6 and 7);

[Resolution 1808 \(2011\)](#) on Strengthening torture prevention mechanisms in Europe (cf. § 4);

[Resolution 2160 \(2017\)](#) on 25 years of the CPT: achievements and areas for improvement (cf. § 6).

¹ Text amended according to the provisions of Protocols No. 1 ([ETS No. 151](#)) and No. 2 ([ETS No. 152](#)) which entered into force on 1 March 2002.