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The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and has the honour to inform the Secretariat of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture as follows:

Following the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention Against Torture (OPCAT) on 28 October 2010, the Netherlands have decided in the year 2011 on the designation of the different National preventive mechanisms under the OPCAT-regime. A coordinating role has been given to the Inspectorate for Implementation of Sanctions, in Dutch the Inspectie voor de Sanctietoepassing (ISt).

Please find enclosed the letter sent on 28 December 2011 (written in Dutch, a clean and a signed copy), holding the designation of the National preventive mechanisms of the Netherlands (NPMs), sent on behalf of the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Security and Justice by the responsible Director of Sanction and Prevention Policy to the Director of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to inform the relevant parties.

The legal basis and the followed procedure have been explained on page 1, referring to the role of the ISt as coordinator for the NPM's. The ISt, three other national inspectorate (on public order and security, youth care and health care), a commission and a council are designated as the six NPMs of the Netherlands, see page 2. Three other bodies, representing different Commissions of supervision of local establishments, and the National ombudsman are recognised as observers.

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 17 April 2012



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