

Name and first name: HÁJEK, Zdeněk

Date and place of birth: 21 July 1950, Havlíčkův Brod, Czech Republic

Working languages: Czech, English, Russian
basic knowledge of German and French

Current position/function:

since 1974 Lawyer

since 1996 Member (from 2001 to 2003, Second Vice-President) of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)

(his third, non-renewable mandate expires in December 2007)

since 2000

Member of the Committee against Torture and Other Inhuman, Cruel and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Council for Human Rights (advisory body to the Government of the Czech Republic)

Main professional activities: Practicing lawyer specialized in civil, penal and commercial law
As member of the CPT:

PARTICIPATION IN 25 VISITS IN 15 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AS HEAD OF THE CPT DELEGATION DURING 6 VISITS TO THE CHECHEN REPUBLIC OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION BETWEEN 2000 AND 2005.

Visits to facilities where persons deprived of liberty may be held, such as police stations, prisons, detention centers, psychiatric hospitals etc.; interviews in private with persons deprived of liberty at places of detention; contacts with other persons able to provide relevant information.

High-level talks with representatives of Government, meetings with NGOs and representatives of local authorities.

Preparation of draft reports about visits, and presentation of them to the CPT plenary meetings.

Educational background: ~~Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague,~~
Doctor of Law (1973)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

1990 – 1995 Advisor to Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic

1990 – 2005 Advisor to Director General of the Prison Service, Ministry of Justice

1990 – 1992

Member of the Commission for Prison Affairs, Parliament

List of most recent publications in this field:

June 2004

“Material conditions in European prisons from the point of view of inspection visits by the CPT”, presentation at the international conference “European Prison Systems” held under the auspices of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Committee for Defense and Security of the Parliament of the Czech Republic in Kroměříž, Czech Republic.

April 2006

“Significance of the CPT for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment – cooperation between the CPT and State Parties”, presentation at the seminar on the European Convention on Human Rights organized in cooperation with the Council of Europe Information Office, Bratislava, Slovakia.