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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and referring to yours No. CAT/OP/12/01, of 9th of May 2012, has the honour to submit the candidature of Mr. Ervin Karamuco, Head of the National Preventive Mechanism against Torture (NPM) within the Albanian Ombudsman Office, for the post of member of the Subcommittee on Prevention. Attached you will also find the biographical data form of the candidate.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



Ambassador
Sejdi Qerimaj

To the attention of:

SECRETARY GENERAL

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies

Name and first name: Ervin Karamuço
Date and place of birth: December 11, 1976, Tirana, Albania
Working languages: English, Spanish, Italian

Current position/function: From 2007 to date, Head of the National Preventive Mechanism against Torture (NPM) within Albanian Ombudsman Office - Position under the Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT). Decorated by Decree of the President of the Albanian Republic, dated 12.10.2011, for Exceptional Civilian Merit for setting up the NPM and preventing torture in Albania. Since 2007 Lecturer of Penitentiary Law and Human Rights Law at the University of Albania. 2000-2007- Albanian Ombudsman' Vice Commissioner for the monitoring of the standards of human rights in prisons and police institutions.

Main professional activities: Leading the daily activities of Albanian NPM in accordance with OPCAT and the Albanian Legislation. In charge of preparing reports, organizing and attending monitoring visits in detention facilities, and building constructive dialogue with the Albanian public stakeholders. Key person for international relations with The Subcommittee for Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT), Committee Against Torture (CAT), European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT), Council of Europe, European Commission, and NGO-s such as Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), World Organization Against Torture (OMCT), Helsinki Committee, etc.

Educational background: 1999- Graduated in Law at the Law Faculty- University of Tirana 2003 Master of Science in European and International Studies. 2011 to date - PhD candidate on penitentiary law at the Law Faculty- University of Tirana. 2009- Graduated in Political Studies at the International School of Political Studies organized by the Council of Europe. 2010- Diploma in Transitional Justice at the International Summer School Sarajevo, organized by Association "Fridrich Ebert"

Other main activities in areas relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned: Guest speaker, lecturer and participant in numerous international, regional and national events regarding detention facilities and implementation of human rights. Albanian NPM Contact person for the "Peer to Peer" Council of Europe' Project. Organizer of several regional and national seminars and workshops for promoting the implementation of OPACT in Balkan Region. In charge of drafting and presenting reports, legislative recommendations and other international information reports on the activity of the Albanian NPM.

List of most recent publications in the field: Albanian NPM and OPCAT Implementations (Albanian Ombudsman Bulletin, 2010); NPM Access in Detention Facilities (Law Tribune, 2009); National Report on Mental Health Services (Parliament Bulletin, 2007); OPCAT and preventing torture in Albania (Albanian Ombudsman Bulletin, 2008)