



Reports of the NPMs

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Types of Reports

- **Reports following visits** to places of deprivation of liberty;
- **Reports on other preventive activities**, like, for example, on reform of legislative framework or educational curricula;
- **Thematic reports** (on types of places of deprivation of liberty);
- **Annual NPM reports**: Art. 23- obligation upon states parties to publish and disseminate annual NPM reports

Main principles applicable to the NPM Reports

- Objective, comprehensive, showing the methodology that has been applied;
- Reflective of the type of report (i.e., if report following a visit: what have been the observations during the visit; following -up previous visits (either by the NPM or other bodies); recommendations);
- Making the report accessible to public: NPM reports are not confidential and thus can (and should be) in public domain:
 - Prompt publishing or making reports accessible online via web site;
 - Language issues;
 - Distribution of the Reports to target audience: if thematic reports, for example, consider special agencies to whom these may of special interest; of course- the respective authorities.
- Annual Reports:
 - Public documents; obligation of the state to publish and disseminate these;
 - Consider how to increase their potential impact (special hearing/session at the Parliament, for example, media involvement).