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REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF FUNCTIONS UNDER THE OPCAT

Dear Members,

Please be informed that on 3 December 2013 the Seimas (Parliament) of the Republic of Lithuania by an Act No. 03-12-2013 has ratified the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) and approved amendments to the Law on the Seimas Ombudsmen of the Republic of Lithuania that entrust the Seimas Ombudsmen's Office to implement national prevention of torture in places of detention and undertake regular visits (provisions of Articles 3 and 19¹ that came into force on 1 January 2014). Currently the Seimas Ombudsmen's Office is in the process of drafting a programme for the implementation of functions under the OPCAT and looks forward to close cooperation with you.

In case of any relevant information, please send it to ombuds@lrs.lt

Yours sincerely,

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