

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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**DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL PREVENTIVE MECHANISM**  
**South Africa's obligations under the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against**  
**Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**  
**(OPCAT)**

- (1) In accordance with Articles 3 and 17 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT), ratified by South Africa in 2019, Cabinet designated the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) as the National Preventive Mechanism.
- (2) The contact persons at the South African Human Rights Commission are: Ms Philile Ntuli, Commissioner of the SAHRC and responsible for oversight of the NPM and Dr Kwanele Pakati serving as the Head of the NPM.
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