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The National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) carried out an unannounced visit to the Police Station Gevgelija on 12.12.2016 (the previous two visits by the NPM team to this Police Station were conducted on 26.06.2012 and 14.11.2013).

The visit was carried out according to the mandate of the Ombudsman as a National Preventive Mechanism arising from the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. The Optional Protocol sets out regular visits to places of deprivation of liberty, in order to identify risks and prevent torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The visit was conducted by the NPM team in collaboration with two representatives of the Macedonian Young Lawyers Association and a professor of police science, representative of the Association for Criminal Law and Criminology of Macedonia, as an external collaborator.

There were two premises for juveniles on the ground floor of the building for conducting interviews and reception.

NPM ascertained that this Police Station meets the requirements set out in the Law on Juvenile Justice.

The premises for detention are located in the basement of the Police Station and they can be accessed from two sides: outside – from the parking lot, and inside – by the stairs.

The two premises have capacity of accommodation of four persons. They had been renovated 4 years ago through the Project for renovation of part of the police stations in the country, supported by the European Union. The equipment in the police stations is in line with the international standards.

NPM found that the legal remedies available to the detainees are hanged on the wall, in several languages. The call system is in good condition, the premises are heated with underfloor heating and central heating, and the humidity was within the allowable limits. The NPM team found that the rooms are clean and tidy without moisture or mold on the walls.

NPM issued a special report for the stated conditions including recommendations to the Ministry of Interior and the Commander of the Police Station to overcome the identified weaknesses, eliminate the risks and improve the treatment of the detainees.