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The National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) conducted unannounced visit to the Police Station Tetovo on 25.11.2016 (the previous visit of the NPM team to this police station was conducted on 31.10.2011).

The visit was carried out according to the mandate of the Ombudsman - 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.

Ombudsman - NPM was accompanied by two external collaborators, one from the Macedonian Young Lawyers Association and one from the Association for Criminal Law and Criminology of Macedonia.

The NPM team found that the premises have been renovated and in good condition, with no moisture on the walls. The premise for conducting interviews was equipped with chairs and other equipment needed in case of presence of a third person, besides the officials. In the inspected premises weren't found any assets or items that could be used for intimidation or harassment.

At the time of the visit there weren't any detainees, nor arrested persons with whom the NPM team could discuss the treatment by the police officers and the conditions of detention thereto.

This police station is covered with the project for renovation of places of detention which is being implemented by the Ministry of Interior and funded by the European Commission. There are 3 new detention premises in the Police Station, of which 2 single premises and 1 double premise with 2 beds.

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