

**Consultation meeting on
“Prospects for the ratification of the OPCAT and
the setting-up of an NPM in Italy”
9.30 – 13.00, 26 March 2010
University of Padua, Palazzo del Bo, Archivio Antico**

A possible road map to prepare the future implementation of the OPCAT in Italy



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Inform and raise awareness among the public at large on Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT)

- Inform the media and encourage journalists to write articles
- Produce or translate and adapt existing material to the Italian national context
- Widely disseminate it, using at maximum electronic media, among public at large, professional groups and students
- Launch a proposal for high school students to be adopted by POF for next academic year 2010-2011

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Parliament

- Raise awareness among the Members of the Parliament
- Invite local constituency to contact directly individual members of the Parliament
- Seek for the possibilities to organise a workshop on OPCAT and its implementation at national level for MPs

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Civil society

- Co-ordinate OPCAT campaigning by using existing national human rights NGO coalitions
- Liaise with IOs and international NGOs in order to strengthen Italian NGOs capacity to lobby for OPCAT, including participation in regional and international OPCAT events

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Government

- Organise targeted contacts and meetings with representatives of the Government, including the Italian permanent representatives to the UN and Council of Europe, as well as the coordinator of the Inter-ministerial committee of human rights

Regional and local Ombudspersons

- Consult with ombudspersons that conduct visits to places of detention

Follow-up

- **Advertise and monitor the XIV Session of the UN HRC**, when Italy will submit its written replies to the 92 recommendations of the UPR working group
- **Reconvene on 18 June 2010 in Padua a consultation meeting** to review any progress towards the ratification of OPCAT in Italy and adapt lobbying strategies accordingly