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Recommendation 2317 (2026)[1]

Improving the selection and election procedure of CPT members

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly draws the Committee of Ministers' attention to Resolution 2684 (2026) "Improving the selection and election procedure of CPT members", which develops and clarifies the Assembly's requirements for the selection and election of the members of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT).

2. The Assembly invites the Committee of Ministers to:

2.1. systematically follow the order of preference indicated by the Assembly when electing CPT members and, in the exceptional case where it considers departing from it, consult the Assembly in advance;

2.2. reconsider the application of Article 4.3 of the Convention, which prevents two CPT members from being nationals of the same State, with a view to allowing States to propose candidates who are nationals of other Council of Europe member States, along the lines of the rules applicable to the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights; to this end, examine the feasibility of an amending protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights (ETS No. 5) or any other appropriate legal solution;

2.3. continue to support the CPT, ensuring that it has the necessary human and financial resources and visibility to carry out its mandate effectively and that the position of CPT member remains attractive for potential candidates across member States;

2.4. ensure that procedures are in place for the election of CPT members in respect of States which may in the future become Parties to the Convention but are not member States of the Council of Europe, in consultation with the Assembly where the parliament of the State concerned has observer or partnership for democracy status with the Assembly.

1. *Text adopted by the Standing Committee*, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 27 November 2026 (see Doc. 16509, report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Ms Octavie Modert).
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