

**Chairperson of the Danish Delegation
to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**



Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
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Dear Chairperson,

I refer to your letter of 4 October 2005 about the internal Danish procedures for the selection of CPT candidates.

The Danish Delegation has a couple of months ago been through the procedure of selecting candidates to the CPT. This time – as well as last time four years ago – the delegation asked the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) to help us find relevant candidates for the post.

The IRCT is based in Copenhagen and works in collaboration with a global network of nearly 200 rehabilitation centres and programmes worldwide. IRCT also works in partnership with governments, human rights organisations, health professional organisations and intergovernmental organisations. Consequently, the IRCT has a very good knowledge of the expertise in Denmark in various professions working with victims of torture and the prevention of torture.

The Danish Delegation has therefore confidently followed the recommendations from IRCT for CPT candidates.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hanne Severinsen', is written over a horizontal line.

Hanne Severinsen

Chairperson of the Danish Delegation