

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Commission for Oversight of Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions
19 October 2011
Belgrade

PARLIAMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

§ 71-tilsyn Committee - Mrs. Liselott Blixt, president

Dear Mrs Blixt,

The National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia has recently established a Commission for Oversight of Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions whose task is to, as a part of the parliament's oversight function, monitor the situation in the field of enforcement of criminal sanctions and propose measures for elimination of irregularities and measures for improvement of living conditions, treatment and protection of persons deprived of freedom. Members of the Commission have been appointed from the ranks of MPs.

Having in mind that this parliamentary body with the above mentioned task has been established for the first time and that there is no such experience in the parliamentary practice of Serbia, the OSCE Mission to Serbia, with the intention to contribute to the improvement and protection of human rights and freedoms and to strengthen democratic institutions in Serbia, has offered a significant support to the Commission. In this regard, the OSCE Mission to Serbia has proposed a study visit to the Parliament of the Kingdom of Denmark, in particular to the § 71-tilsyn Committee and Legal Affairs Committee, owing to the fact that these two parliamentary bodies deal with issues within the scope of work of the abovementioned Commission of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia.

Members of the Commission for Oversight of Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia would highly appreciate to directly meet members of the § 71-tilsyn Committee and learn about the experiences of the Danish Parliament in this field, having in mind the fact that they have not performed these activities before and that they are responsible for setting up the parliamentary

oversight principles in the field of realization and protection of rights of persons deprived of freedom.

Taking into consideration the procedures of the National Assembly, if you accept our initiative we would be most grateful if you could send an official invitation to the Commission for Oversight of Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions of the Republic of Serbia to visit the Parliament of the Kingdom of Denmark in the second half of November 2011, if this period is convenient for you and the Committee you chair.

Sincerely yours,

Chairperson of the Commission

Ms Judita Popovic