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Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
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**Response of the Norwegian authorities to the report of the European
Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment
or Punishment**

Dear Ms Casale

Reference is made to the report of the European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (CPT) dated 28 March 2006 following its visit to Norway from 3 to 10 October 2005.

In pursuance of Article 10, paragraph 1, of the European Convention for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, the Norwegian authorities are honoured to enclose herewith their response to this report.

The Norwegian authorities have responded to the recommendations, comments and requests for information made in the Committee's report. The response follows the composition of the report.

The Norwegian authorities note that during the Committee's visit it received no allegations and found no other signs of ill-treatment by staff in the prisons visited or in other prisons in Norway.

We welcome the comment by the Committee that the co-operation of the Norwegian authorities with the delegation was in all respects exemplary.

As agreed with the Committee's Secretariat, we will make our response public on 28. September 2006.

As requested in the letter transmitting the Committee's report, the Norwegian authorities will provide a copy of the response to you in computer-readable format.

If the Norwegian response should give rise to any further queries from the Committee, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We attach great importance to the work of the Committee and look forward to future cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Handwritten signature of Knut Storberget in black ink, featuring a stylized, cursive script.

Knut Storberget