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**THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN ARMENIA’S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

**Public Discussion**

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| 12:00 – 12:15  12:15 – 12:30 | ***Registration of participants***  ***Opening remarks***  **Larisa Minasyan,** Open Society Foundations – Armenia, Executive Director  **Miranda Merkviladze,** Penal Reform International – South Caucasus Office, Project Coordinator |
|  | ***Moderator***  **David Amiryan,** Open Society Foundations – Armenia, Deputy Director for Programming |
| 12:30 – 13:40 | ***National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) in Armenia***  **Arman Tatoyan**, Human Rights Defender of RA  HRD as the National Preventive Mechanism in Armenia referred to UN OPCAT  **Miranda Merkviladze**, Penal Reform International – South Caucasus Office, Project Coordinator  Improving Civil Society’s Engagement in Strengthening National Preventive Mechanism’s Capacity for an Effective Prevention of Torture in Places of Detention in Armenia  ***Civil Society against Torture***  **Hayk Alumyan**, Justice Group Member, Attorney  RA legislative regulations referred to UN OPCAT toward absolute prohibition of torture  **Davit Khachaturyan**, Justice Group Member, expert, Ph.D,  Safeguards against torture in Criminal Justice of Armenia  **Avetik Ishkhanyan,**Justice Group Member, Armenian Helsinki Committee, President  Current situation and perspectives to prevent torture in compliance with international obligations |
| 13:40 – 14:40 | **Discussion, Q&A** |
| 14:40 – 15:00 | **Closing Remarks** |

**Draft Agenda**

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