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Distinguished members of the Committee against Torture,

The Netherlands Institute for Human Rights presents you its written submission for the examination of the sixth periodic report of the Netherlands, to be discussed during the May session of your Committee. The Institute would like to provide you with specific information regarding the situation in the Netherlands, based on its mandate, expertise, and activities.

In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the lack of information regarding the implementation of the Convention against torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the Caribbean Netherlands (Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba). A second point of concern is the necessity to create a separate and more appropriate regime for alien detention centres. Finally, I would suggest a dialogue with the government on the issue of human rights education for the institutions designated as the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM), as well as the commissions of oversight.

In case you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Anne van Eijndhoven, policy adviser at the Institute (Tel.: +31 30 888 3 890, E-mail: [a.van.eijndhoven@mensenrechten.nl](mailto:a.van.eijndhoven@mensenrechten.nl)). The Institute is looking forward to meeting with you in May to discuss the human rights situation in the Netherlands.

Best regards,



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Chair of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

Annex: The Netherlands Institute for Human Rights Submission