

# Russia Withdraws from Anti-Torture Convention

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On 30 October 2025, Russia officially informed the Council of Europe that the country was [denouncing the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment \(ECPT\)](#). The denunciation will become effective on 1 November 2026 as under Art. 22, paragraph 2, of the ECPT, the Russian Federation remains bound by the ECPT for one year after the date of receipt of the notification by the Secretary General.

Russia joined the ECPT in 1998 but has frequently not cooperated with the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT), which implements the countries' obligation under the ECPT.

The withdrawal from the ECPT means above all that Russia no longer accepts any independent external oversight of places of deprivation of liberty.

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