

February 28, 2012

Mr. PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR THE
PREVENTION OF TORTURE AND INHUMAN OR
DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT.

On the 7th of November of 2011, I assumed my position as a Spanish member of the CPT, which I have maintained until the present time.

On the 9th of February of 2012, the Supreme Court of Spain removed me from my position as a judge for a period of 11 years.

This sentence will be appealed to the Constitutional Court of Spain, and, if necessary, to the European Court of Human Rights. Nevertheless, currently the sentence stands. It is true that this sentence does not affect my status as a member of the CPT, and although I consider myself innocent, I offer my resignation as a member of the CPT because, although I am an independent member, I also represent Spain.

For these reasons, and in order to avoid the possibility that my continued presence could result in adverse criticism of this honorable Committee, I ask that you accept this decision.

Unfortunately, due to family reasons I will no be able to assist to the CPT 77th session.

Respectfully,



Baltasar Garzón Real