



Permanent Mission of Thailand  
to the United Nations



## Women in custody – gender equality challenges and opportunities in crisis and conflict situations

Thursday 23 October 2014, 1.15 – 2.30 pm  
Conference Room 6, General Assembly Building,  
UNHQ, New York

In our collective efforts to achieve women's rights and gender equality, all too often human rights violations and discrimination against women and girls in custody are overlooked. Gender inequality contributes to offences committed by women, and in some cases to their prosecution and imprisonment. These challenges are often exacerbated in crisis and conflict situations. There is therefore a need to build gender-sensitive penal systems in line with international standards such as the 2010 Rules for the Treatment of Female Prisoners and Non-Custodial Measures for Women Offenders or The Bangkok Rules.

This side event seeks to provide an overview of the problems faced by women in custody from the pathways leading to incarceration and the conditions of detention for women in custody - focusing also on crisis and post-conflict situations. Finally, it will address the issues of incorporating gender equality at both policy and operational levels of security sector reform, gender aspects in peacekeeping operations and in the post-2015 development agenda.

*The panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A session. Photographs will be taken at the event.*

### *Welcoming remarks*

**H.E. Mr. Norachit Sinhaseni**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand

### *Moderation:*

**Charles Radcliffe**

Chief of the Global Issues Section,  
OHCHR New York Office

### *Overview and background*

#### **“Women’s pathways to incarceration”**

**Rashida Manjoo**

Special Rapporteur on violence against women

#### **“Conditions in detention”**

**Andrea Huber**

Policy Director, Penal Reform International

### *Gender aspects in crisis and conflict settings*

#### **“Gender equality and women’s empowerment in justice and security sector reform and the post-2015 development agenda”**

**Norul Rashid**

Gender and Rule of Law Specialist, UN Women

#### **“UN programming and good practices on women in conflict with the law”**

**Alejandro Alvarez**

Justice and Security Adviser and Team Leader, UNDP

#### **“Gender issues in corrections in peacekeeping operations”**

**Kaoru Okuizumi**

Acting Chief,  
Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Service, DPKO

### *Final remarks*

#### **“Promoting gender-sensitive prison systems: practical tools for implementation”**

**Simone Monasebian**

Director of the UNODC New York Office