



Summer School 2017: Detention monitoring applying the UN Nelson Mandela Rules

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Draft agenda

Day 1

Welcome and introduction

- Welcoming/introductory remarks
- Introduction of participants
- Gathering expectations, levels of experience
- Objectives of the course

Module 1 – Setting the scene

- International framework on detainees
- Standard Minimum Rules: then and now
- Standards complementing the revised SMR

Module 2 – Respect for dignity

- Prohibition of torture and other ill-treatment (Rules 1, 34)
- Conduct in case of death of a prisoner (Rule 72)
- Body searches of prisoners and visitors (Rules 50-52, 60)
- Non-discrimination (Rule 2)
- Work, no slavery (Rules 96, 97)

Module 3 – Prison management

- Basic principles (Rules 3, 4, 5(1))
- Allocation, classification, admission (Rules 5 (1), 59, 89, 93, 94¹, 119 (1))
- Information to be provided to prisoners (Rule 54, 55)
- Prisoner file management (Rules 6-10)
- Institutional personnel: prison staff training (Rules 74-81 in general, Rule 49 for use of control techniques, Rule 82(2) for use of force)
- Inspections (Rules 83, 84, 85)

¹ Note Rules 89, 93 and 94 have not been changed

Day 2

Module 4 – Restrictions, discipline and sanctions

- Disciplinary sanctions (Rules 36, 37, 39, 41, including prohibited sanctions Rules 42, 43)
- Solitary confinement/ isolation (Rules 38, 44, 45, 46)²
- Instruments of restraint (Rule 47, 48, 49)³

Module 5 - Incident prevention and response (Complaints, cases of death or injury)

- Safety and security (Rule 1 last sentence)
- Dynamic security, conflict prevention and mediation (Rules 38(1), 76(1c))
- Complaints (Rule 56 and 57(1))
- Protection against reprisals (Rule 57(2) and (3))
- Cases of death or serious injury (Rules 68, 69, 70, 72)
- Documentation (Rule 8)
- Investigations (Rule 71)
- Use of force (Rule 82, Basic Principles on Use of Force and Firearms)

Day 3

Module 6 – Health-care

- Provision of health-care (Rules 24-27, 30 and 31)
- Medical ethics (Rules 32 and 46)
- Discussion on division of tasks between prison staff and health-care professionals
- Role of doctors in case of signs of torture or other ill-treatment (Rule 34, Bangkok Rule 7)
- Role of doctors in advising the prison administration (Rules 33 and 35)

Module 7 – Contact to the outside world

- Visits (Rule 58)
- Legal representation (Rule 61 – general, Rules 119(2) and 120 – pre-trial)
- Access to legal documents (Rule 53)
- Diplomatic and consular assistance (Rule 62⁴)
- Transfers (Rule 7(c), 47 (2a) and Rule 68, transfer of files Rule 26 (2))

² Note Rule 46 is also listed under health-care

³ Note Rule 49 is also listed under Prison management/ institutional training

⁴ Note Rule 62 has not been changed

Module 8 – Specific categories of prisoners:

- Women prisoners
- Children accommodated in prison with their parent
- Prisoners with disabilities
- LGBT detainees
- Foreign national prisoners
- Violent and extremist prisoners
- Indigenous and minority groups

Day 4

Module 9 – Monitoring methodology, reporting, recommendations and follow-up

- Methodologies for monitoring, including interviewing
- Effective recommendations drafting
- Dealing with risk of reprisals
- Follow-up: opportunities and challenges

Final workshop

- Addressing arguments from state authorities
- Evaluation and wrap-up of summer school