



American Model United Nations
Economic and Social Council

ECOSOC/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

1 *Guided by* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and
2 inspired by the determination to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity
3 and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and of nations
4 large and small,
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6 *Reaffirming* the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, adopted
7 by the First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of
8 Offenders, held at Geneva in 1955, and approved by the Economic and Social Council by
9 its resolutions 663 C (XXIV) of 31 July 1957 and 2076 (LXII) of 13 May 1977,
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11 *Recognizing* that the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners
12 remain the universally acknowledged minimum standards for the detention of prisoners,
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14 *Bearing in mind* the long-standing concern of the United Nations for the
15 humanization of criminal justice and the protection of human rights,
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17 *Reaffirming* the importance of the United Nations standards and norms in crime
18 prevention and criminal justice, especially of promoting their implementation,
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20 *Aware of* the cultural, regional and economic differences in different regions and
21 States, therefore affecting the disparity in the environments and justice system among
22 Member States,
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24 *Reaffirming* the General Assembly's resolution 2858 of 1971 that affirms the
25 Member States' rights to ultimately decide their own rules for the treatment of prisoners,
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27 *Expressing deep concern* at the inhumane conditions faced by prisoners in penal
28 systems around the world,
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30 1. *Congratulates* those Member States who have signed and ratified the Standard
31 Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners;
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33 2. *Encourages* those Member States who have not done so already to sign and

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34 ratify the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners;

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36 3. *Emphasizes* the effectiveness of independent and individualized
37 implementation of minimum guidelines in Member States;

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39 4. *Invites* willing Member States and other donors to provide extra-budgetary
40 resources for the purposes described above, in accordance with the rules and procedures
41 of the United Nations.

Passed, Yes: 26 / No: 1 / Abstain: 3