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NEW MANUAL SUPPORTS TRAINING OF PRISON STAFF

Bishkek. 21 May 2013. A new training manual for prison staff was presented today at the Training Centre of the State Service on the Execution of Punishment of the Kyrgyz Republic (Prison Service). The training manual has been developed within the framework of the European Union and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Project “Support to Prison Reform in the Kyrgyz Republic” to support implementation of the Prison Service’s training policy and curriculum for the period of 2011-2015.

“The training manual will significantly enhance the quality of the educational process at our Training Center”, noted Kalmurat Baitoloev, Deputy Chair of the Prison Service. “Ultimately, this will raise the level of professionalism of our staff”, he added.

The training manual includes various subjects of penitentiary theory and practice, including strategic planning; prisoner file management; conflict prevention and conflict management in prisons; working with life-sentenced prisoners; imprisonment of women and juveniles; and prisoners with special needs.

“The various modules contain information and guidance on international norms and standards, as well as national legislation related to the treatment of prisoners”, said Nazira Osmonova, Head of the Prison Service’s Training Centre. “These standards will now be regularly introduced to prison staff during the training process”, she noted. The various training modules were developed by international experts in close cooperation with the Training Centre, prison staff and NGO representatives.

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