

WORKSHOP B:**SURVEY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER BEST PRACTICES IN THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

This workshop aims to provide a deeper look into the matter of treatment of prisoners as well as detainees and to depict opportunities and methods of its improvement. It is necessary to become acquainted with aspects of the best practices in prison systems around the world and opposing them to given situations in many other countries.

Bearing in mind that prisoners and detainees retain their rights as human beings although they have lost their freedom of movement, they must not be treated in inhuman or degrading ways. This includes the fact, that prisoners are often not provided with the most basic services necessary for survival. The use of imprisonment needs to be considered as a part of the criminal justice system, which is why certain international standards regarding the question of responsibility for prisons at the governmental level, the administration of prisons (such as staff recruitment, physical conditions of detentions, health and psychological care, disciplinary matters etc.), practices in respect of particular types of prisoners (i.e. the division of prisoners in particular groups, such as pre-trial detainees and prisoners with special needs) and the regulation of monitoring and inspection of prisons, must be adhered to.

The workshop may wish to emphasize the centrality of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, as they represent good principle and State practice in the treatment of prisoners and the management of institutions. Member States may wish to reaffirm their commitment to meet the requirements of international standards, to develop supplementary rules and standards in order to improve the conditions of detained persons as well as the necessary policies and institutional infrastructure to ensure that prisons are used sparingly and fulfil their proper role. The United Nations should undertake activities to raise public awareness about the rights and needs of prisoners and continue providing technical assistance to prison reform to Member States that request it.