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**OPEN-ENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT GROUP  
ON THE STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE  
TREATMENT OF PRISONERS**

**VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 25 – 28 March 2014**

**RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CROATIA<sup>1</sup>  
TO NOTE VERBALE CU 2013/129/DO/JS**

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, United Nations and International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and, further to its note CU2013/182/DO/JS from 30 August 2013, has the honour to enclose the Croatian draft proposals for revision of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, United Nations and International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 1 October 2013

**United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**  
**c/o SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION**  
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Enclosed: drafting proposals (1 page)

**Croatian Drafting proposals for revision of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners**

**Point 19. (f) – New paragraph in rule 44 should read: “In case of custodial deaths prison administration needs to provide for or facilitate culturally appropriate burials only if prisoner doesn’t have any relatives or they cannot be contacted or if they refuse to take care of the body.”**

**Point 21. (b) – Paragraph 3 in rule 30 should be deleted and replaced with recommendation of the Expert Group.**

**Point 22. (h): In addition to named powers of independent inspection mechanisms, additional power should be added with the right to access to the personnel file of prisoners and other records that are kept in prison if the same could contain information regarding the reason for inspection.**

**Point 23. (d): heading over the rules 82 and 83 should be replaced with “Persons with mental illnesses and disorders”.**

**Point 23. (e): suggestion is to replace text from paragraph 1 in rule 82 “Persons who are found to be insane” with the text “Persons who suffer from severe mental illnesses or disorders”.**

**Point 23. (f): text in paragraph 2 in rule 82 “prisoners who suffer from other mental diseases or abnormalities” should be replaced with “prisoners who suffer from other mental illnesses or disorders”.**

**Point 23. (g): text in paragraph 1 in rule 22 “treatment of states of mental abnormality” should be replaced with “treatment of states of mental disorders”.**

**Point 23. (i): suggestion is that term “medical officer” should be replaced with term “health care professional”.**

**Point 23. (j): suggestion is that term “qualified dental officer” should be replaced with the term “qualified dental professional” or “qualified dentist”.**