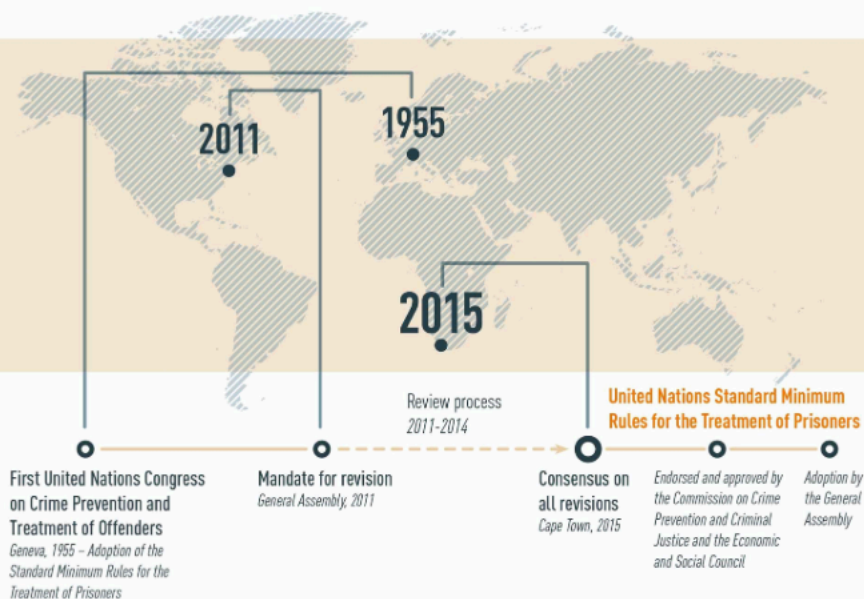




The Nelson Mandela Rules

The United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners



Nelson Mandela

"It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones."

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela



Nelson Mandela International Day

To honour the legacy of Nelson Mandela, who spent 27 years in prison, the rules are known as **the Nelson Mandela Rules**.

- Promote humane conditions of imprisonment
- Raise awareness about prisoners being a continuous part of society
- Value the work of prison staff as an important social service

