



Technical Guidance Materials on Penal and Prison Reform

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United Nations Standards and Norms

- UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules): [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Dhivehi](#), [English](#), [Finnish](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Portuguese](#), [Russian](#), [Sinhala](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Tamil](#), [Ukrainian](#)
- UN Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders with their Commentary (the Bangkok Rules): [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#)
- UN Standard Minimum Rules for Non-custodial Measures (the Tokyo Rules): [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#)

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- UN System Common Position on Incarceration: [English](#)

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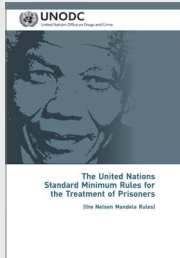
Alternatives to imprisonment

- Handbook of Basic Principles and Promising Practices on Alternatives to Imprisonment: [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Turkish](#)
- Toolkit on Gender-Responsive Non-Custodial Measures: [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Thai](#)
- Handbook on Restorative Justice Programmes: [Czech](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Korean](#), [Portuguese](#), [Thai](#)
- Treatment and Care for People with Drug Use Disorders in Contact with Criminal Justice System – Alternatives to Conviction or Punishment: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#)

Prison management

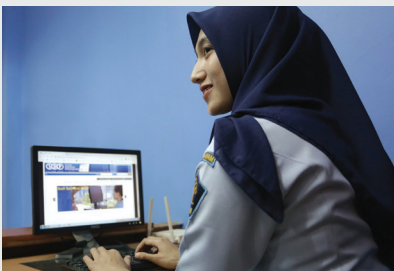
The Nelson Mandela Rules

- UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules): [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Dhivehi](#), [English](#), [Finnish](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Portuguese](#), [Russian](#), [Sinhala](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Tamil](#)
- UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules) – A Summary of Revisions: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Sinhala](#), [Spanish](#), [Tamil](#), [Ukrainian](#)
- Instructional placards on the Nelson Mandela Rules: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#)
- Assessing compliance with the Nelson Mandela Rules: A checklist for internal inspection mechanisms: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), [Thai](#)
- Incorporating the Nelson Mandela Rules into National Prison Legislation: A model Prison Act and Related Commentary: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#)



The Nelson Mandela Rules e-learning Course

- Scenario-based e-learning course on the Nelson Mandela Rules: [Arabic](#), [Bangla](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Indonesian](#), [Kazakh](#), [Malay](#), [Portuguese](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), [Thai](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Vietnamese](#)



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Awarded a Correctional Excellence Award from the International Corrections and Prison Association in 2019, this course has been translated into 14 languages and completed by more than 70,000 individuals.

Prison management strategies and core practices

- Handbook on Strategies to Reduce Overcrowding in Prisons: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Indonesian](#), [Spanish](#)
- Handbook for Prison Leaders: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#)
- Handbook on the Classification of Prisoners: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#)
- Handbook on Dynamic Security and Prison Intelligence: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#)
- Handbook on Prisoner File Management: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#)
- Handbook on Anti-Corruption Measures in Prisons: [English](#)

Special categories of prisoners

- Handbook on Women and Imprisonment: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), [Turkish](#)
- Training Curriculum on Women and Imprisonment: [Albanian](#), [Bosnian](#), [Croatian](#), [English](#), [Macedonian](#), [Montenegrin](#), [Serbian](#)
- Handbook on Prisoners With Special Needs: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Turkish](#)
- Handbook on the Management of High-Risk Prisoners: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [Russian](#)
- Handbook on the Management of Violent Extremist Prisoners and the Prevention of Radicalization to Violence in Prisons: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#)

Prison health

- HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, Treatment and Support in Prison Settings – a framework for an effective national response: [English](#)

Rehabilitation and social reintegration

- Introductory Handbook on the Prevention of Recidivism and the Social Reintegration of Offenders: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#)
- Roadmap for the Development of Prison-based Rehabilitation Programmes: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#)
- Practical Guide on Creating a Brand of Prison Products: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#)

