Following four years of negotiations, the revised Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Mandela Rules) have been put forward for final approval by the UN General Assembly (see ECOSOC E/RES/2015/20). Their adoption marks a historic event: the revision updates the key set of standards on the treatment of prisoners and detention conditions adopted 60 years ago, and consolidates human rights and criminal justice standards in one document.

At this event the expert panel will focus on the areas and Rules with particular relevance to the prevention of torture and ill-treatment. It will seek to initiate discussion on the implementation of the ‘Mandela Rules’ and to start collecting recommendations and good practice in that regard.

The side event will be webcast.

Moderator: Andrea Huber, Penal Reform International

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