

Forum: Human Rights Council

Question of: Promoting and implementing good practices for the treatment of prisoners



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- 1 The Human Rights Council,
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- 3 *Taking into consideration* the unacceptable conditions in many prisons of the world,
- 4 *Realizing* that most of the prisoners worldwide suffer from bad hygiene,
- 5 *Noting with regret* that education is not being offered in all prisons, especially to teenagers,
- 6 *Expecting* to provide acceptable basic needs for all prisoners,
- 7 *Alarmed by* the bad provision of healthcare,
- 8 *Deeply disturbed by* the ignored problem of not separating male and female prisoners,
- 9 *Concerned about* corrupt prison employees,
- 10 *Having examined* the tendency of the bad working conditions,
- 11 *Pointing out* the present cases of torture in many prisons around the world,
- 12 **1. Recommends** all nations, especially the MEDCs , to help founding a National Prison Hygiene and
- 13 Education Control Agency (NPHECA) which controls:
- 14 a. hygiene in prisons,
- 15 b. regular education classes,
- 16 c. the content of the educational classes;
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- 18 **2. Seeks** to encourage prisoners to participate in programs, such as:
- 19 a. different kinds of sports,
- 20 b. basic education,
- 21 c. therapies,
- 22 d. re-socializing classes for reintegration into society;
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- 24 **3. Calls for** regular assemblies of NPHECA in order to:
- 25 a. update the programs,
- 26 b. measure the progress of the prisoners;

- 27 **4. Proposes** to improve the hygiene by:
28 a. separating the toilets from the cells,
29 b. providing disinfectant,
30 c. access to showers;
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- 32 **5. Further requests** to optimize the basic needs of prisoners by:
33 a. an acceptable accommodation,
34 b. providing clean drinking water,
35 c. providing enough food;
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- 37 **6. Proclaims** to improve the bad provision of healthcare by regular visits of doctors;
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- 39 **7. Encourages** a reform of the judicial system in order to accelerate the judgment of cases and
40 avoid unnecessary waiting time in the cells;
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- 42 **8. Reminds** that the prisoners should benefit from the same working standards as any other
43 human being;
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- 45 **9. Resolves to** improve the prison management systems in order to prevent torture and other
46 inhuman practices by:
47 a. Reforming the often outdated national legislation and rules relating to the management of
48 prisons,
49 b. Developing training programs for prisons managers to improve their leadership role and staff to
50 apply international standards and norms in their daily practice,
51 c. Making sure that the prison authorities take care of the supervision and treatment of prisoners
52 is in line with the rule of law, with respect to individual human rights, and that the period of
53 imprisonment is used to prepare individuals for life outside prison following release;
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- 55 **10. Calls upon** the developed countries to create an international fund which:
56 a. helps developing countries to improve the conditions of prisoners, such as accommodation,
57 medical service and education,
58 b. provides personal support, such as administrative specialists and engineers,
59 c. is used to build additional prisons to deal with overcrowding;
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- 61 **11. Strongly encourages** the separation of male and female prisoners to
62 a. prevent reproduction,
63 b. sexual abuse;
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- 65 **12. Strongly urges** to combat corruption inside prisons through
66 a. Better working conditions for the officers,
67 b. Stronger punishments for corruption;
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13. Recommends that all these rights should also apply to the pre-trial detainees;

14. Supports any further ideas which can be helpful in the problem-solving process.