

The Group of Friends of Corrections in Peace Operations (GoF)

is an international platform for UN Member States and their correctional services to connect on correctional policies, practices, and activities in post-conflict settings to promote support for UN peace operations around the world, as a key pillar within the Rule of Law.

The GoF strives to:

- Increase awareness of the importance of corrections in peace operations among Member States and UN legislative bodies
- Deploy and train high-calibre corrections personnel to UN peace operations
- Raise the importance of women correctional officers in peace operations activities
- Promote innovative approaches to corrections programming in peace operations
- Increase knowledge of gender issues and human rights for prisoners



How to join

If you are interested in learning more about the **Group of Friends of Corrections in Peace Operations** or how to join GoF, please refer to the website:

www.friendsofcorrections.com

or contact the Correctional Service of Canada:

intergovernmental@csc-scc.gc.ca

or the Swedish Prison and Probation Service:

SPPSInternationaldep.HK@kriminalvarlden.se

The collage features several images: the top left shows the 'Friends of Corrections' logo (a hand holding a key); the top right shows a building with a water tower; the middle left shows a group of people in a meeting; the middle right shows a prison corridor with blue metal bars; the bottom left shows a group of people in orange jumpsuits; the bottom right shows a woman in a blue uniform and cap. A red banner at the bottom of the collage contains the text 'Group of Friends of Corrections in Peace Operations'.

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Group of Friends of Corrections Structure

The Group of Friends (GoF) is a Member States-driven initiative which is supported by the Chair, an engaged Member State that rotates every two years. The Group represents a collaborative relationship between the Permanent Missions to the United Nations and their national correctional services, as well as Correctional Subject Matter Experts made up of United Nations entities, non-governmental and civil society organizations, training institutes, advocacy groups and national development agencies with an interest in corrections in peace operations.

What GoF is doing, has accomplished and plans on doing

- Gender Workshop focused on increasing female corrections experts in peace operations
- Training of the Trainer Session on the Bangkok Rules
- Participation in the development of training curricula based on the Prison Incident Management Training Handbook in Jordan
- Participation at international conferences
- Panel discussion on “Exploring Approaches to Countering Violent Extremism in Post-Conflict Prison Settings”
- Delivery of UN Pre-Deployment Training for Government Provided Corrections Personnel internationally
- Supported the revision of UN Standard Minimum Rules (Mandela Rules) for the Treatment of Prisoners
- Development of a Women-Centred Training for correctional staff working with female offenders
- Development of a Leadership Training
- Revision of the UN Pre-Deployment Training for Government Provided Corrections Personnel Course Manual

“Prisons are an essential link in the rule of law chain.

By developing the guidance, expertise and resources to address prison conditions, we are striving to uphold international standards across the board. And by spotlighting the needs and plight of people on the margins, we are confirming our bedrock commitment to the dignity and worth of every human being, thereby, helping to establish the foundations for

long-term development, stability and peace.”

- Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations, September 2010