



## United Nations Nelson Mandela Rules

- The rules protect human rights, prohibit torture and ill-treatment in prisons
- Independent inspections are critically important for ensuring human rights and health are protected in prisons
- Inspections help reduce safety risks for both prisoners and staff

2016

### UNDER INSPECTION REPORT

#### What we found:

- Government did not inspect provincial correctional centres for 11 years, between 2001 and 2012
- The re-instated inspection system did not comply with the Mandela Rules
- 7 recommendations by Ombudsman to ensure inspections prioritize human rights, health and safety

2018

### UNDER INSPECTION UPDATE

#### What we found:

- Government is making progress, has implemented 6 of 7 recommendations

2024

### UNDER INSPECTION UPDATE

#### What we found:

- **The external inspection process still does not fully meet the Mandela Rules, Recommendation 7 remains only partially implemented**

Ombudsman calls on Inspection and Standards Office to meet Mandela Rules and fully implement our recommendation by:

- Including representatives from external organizations on inspection teams
- Including health professionals on inspection teams
- Reporting publicly on inspections