



International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers

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Effective International PMSC Regulation

Key Challenges:

- *Enforcement of laws outside area of jurisdiction*
 - *Lack of consistent/coherent international standards*
 - *Democratic and state responsibility deficits*
 - *Lack of independent oversight and effective accountability*
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International PSC Code of Conduct [ICoC]:
Multi-stakeholder process involving **companies, states and civil society**

- *Sets out clear obligations and operational standards for PSCs based on **international human rights standards***
 - *Launches a multi-stakeholder process to establish effective oversight and compliance mechanisms*
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1 June 2011 –
125 Signatory Companies,
33 States

Europe	68	54.4%
N. America	21	16.8%
Africa	19	15.2%
Asia	13	10.4%
L. America & Caribbean	3	2.4%
Australasia	1	0.8%

November 9, 2010 ICoC Signatory
Conference





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International human rights standards –
*international public law standards that have been
“translated” into*

- *Specific principles for conduct of personnel*
 - *Specific principles for management and governance*
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Effective oversight and compliance mechanisms

*Company agreement to operate in accordance with
Code of Conduct*

- *Interim stage: unilateral declaration*
 - *Contractual agreement with clients (e.g., UK)*
 - *Contractual agreement with oversight institution*
 - *Contract obligations easily cross borders*
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Oversight and Compliance mechanism

- *Certification*
 - *Third-party independent oversight*
 - *Complaints resolution*
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Complementarity

- Not a substitute for criminal law
 - Meant to complement national and international regulation
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Temporary Steering Committee

Equal representation of 3 stakeholder communities

-States

-NGO's

-Private Security Companies

*Make decision by **consensus***



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Timetable [ICoC, paras. 11, 7 and 70]

- Workplan, March 2011
 - Bylaws / Charter, July 2011
 - Operational Plan, November 2011
 - Independent External Oversight and Governance Mechanism, May 2012
 - Review conference convened by Swiss government
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UN Member States and ICoC: The Way Forward

- *Dual capacity: client & regulator*
 - *Client: include standards in contracts with PSCs*
 - *Regulator: implement procedures/policies requiring compliance*
 - *Engage actively in building oversight and governance mechanism*
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58 Private Security Companies Sign International Code of Conduct for Private Security Companies



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9 November 2010 - Geneva, Switzerland. 58 private security companies from the UK, US, Africa and the Middle-East signed the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers (ICoC) in Geneva at a ceremony convened by the Swiss government. Also present at the ceremony were high-level representatives of the US and UK governments, representatives from UN OCHA as well as several civil society and human rights organisations. Representatives from Germany, Canada, Australia, Afghanistan and Portugal attended the ceremony as well. DCAF along with the Academy for International Humanitarian Law and Human rights facilitated the development of the ICoC as well as

News

Steering Committee Discussion Paper on ICoC Oversight and Governance Mechanism
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Minutes, 28 Feb 2011 Steering Committee Meeting Click [here](#) for the minutes.

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13 Additional Companies sign the ICoC to bring Signatory Company total to 71
1 Feb 2011 Click [here](#) to see the list of 13 additional Signatory Companies.

Calendar

Steering Committee meeting, 28 March 2011