



International Code of Conduct Association

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The International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers ('the Code')'s key standards and principles for the responsible provision of private security services includes two broad categories:

- 1) Principles regarding the conduct of private security personnel based on **international human rights and humanitarian law standards** including rules on the use of force, sexual violence, human trafficking and child labour;
- 2) Principles regarding **the management and governance of private security companies including the selection, vetting and proper training of personnel.**

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The Code's governing body – the International Code of Conduct Association ('ICoCA') - is a multi-stakeholder initiative based on **three pillars representing private security companies, civil society organisations and governments.** The Association promotes, governs and oversees the implementation of the Code through **certification, monitoring and the processing of complaints.**

ICoCA & the Private Security Observatories



- Exchange **information and lessons learnt** on private security governance and oversight
- Joint **capacity-building** of CSOs, private security companies and governments on international private security standards
- Mutual support on **monitoring** of private security providers
- Reinforce each other's **support to victims** of human rights violations and/or of other violations by private security companies.
- Raise **awareness** on private security governance and oversight opportunities, issues and challenges
- Create mutual space for **constructive engagement** with key stakeholders (governments, CSOs, private security companies, clients and experts) on private security governance and oversight