WHEREAS, the American Correctional Association’s vision statement reflecting the 1870 Declaration of Principles requires that we shape the future of corrections through strong leadership that brings together various voices and forges coalitions and partnerships to promote a principle-centered criminal and juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the American Correctional Association is a recognized authority in establishing standards and accreditation of adult and juvenile corrections; and

WHEREAS, the American Correctional Association has a heritage of supporting initiatives for safe, effective and efficient programs for offenders that enhance human dignity; and now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Correctional Association recognizes and appreciates the contributions of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules to the universal development of more humane and effective correctional systems, and to the continuing development of ACA standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Correctional Association indicates a willingness to attain the optimum benefits of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules.

This resolution was adopted by the American Correctional Association Delegate Assembly on Jan. 24, 2001, at the Winter Conference in Nashville, TN. It was last reviewed and reaffirmed at the 2019 Winter Conferences in New Orleans, LA on January 15, 2019.