

Mercenary Association Seeking UN Contracts Despite Human Rights Violations

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Former Chairperson of the [UN Working Group on the use of mercenaries](#), José L. Gómez del Prado, explains how private military and security companies have created an association to counter the regulations called for by his working group.

The [International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers](#) (ICoC), mostly composed of American and British companies, now seeks legitimacy with the UN despite having a record of human rights violations. At the end of July 2013, the UN Working Group is holding a session in New York where it will launch a [study on the use of private military and security companies by the UN](#). The ICoC will incidentally be launched in September 2013. Will the UN give contracts to mercenary companies and human rights violators?

Interview by Julie Lévesque, Global Research, July 3, 2013.

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