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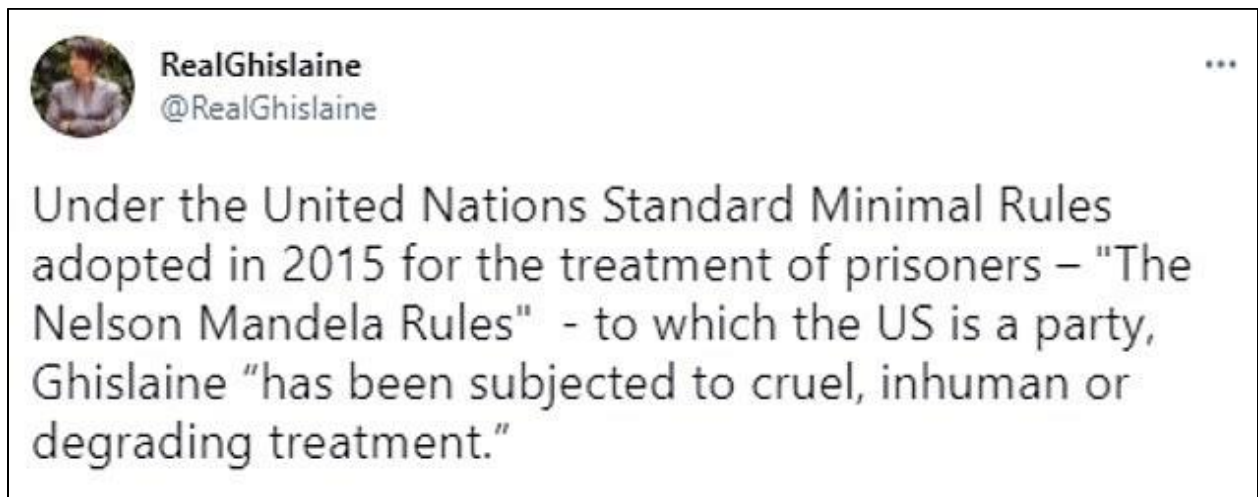
Maxwell, 59, is on remand on accusations of recruiting underage girls for billionaire paedophile [Jeffrey Epstein](#), who died in prison in 2019.

Relatives say her treatment in a New York jail could violate the United Nation's agreement on caring for prisoners.

A [Twitter](#) account run by her siblings, called 'Real Ghislaine', posted: 'Under the **United Nations** Standard Minimal Rules adopted in 2015 for the treatment of prisoners – "The Nelson Mandela Rules" - to which the US is a party, Ghislaine "has been subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment." '



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'Nelson Mandela Rules'

In Geneva, 1955, the UN adopted the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, before a mandate for revision was granted by the General Assembly in 2011.

A consensus on all revisions was reached in Cape Town, South Africa, in 2015 following a four-year review process.

They were then endorsed and approved by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Economic and Social Council, and adopted by the General Assembly.

A resolution approved that the principles should be known as the 'Nelson Mandela Rules' in order to honour the legacy of the late President of South Africa, who spent 27 years in prison in the course of his struggle against apartheid.

In December 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the revised rules as the 'United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners'.

The 122 Rules cover many aspects of prison maintenance, and outline minimum standards for the treatment of those who are detained, whether pre-trial or convicted.

They give guidance on practically every aspects of prison management, from admission and classification to the prohibition of torture and limits on solitary confinement.

There are also guidelines on healthcare, recruitment and training of prison staff, and disciplinary sanctions.

The 122 United Nations rules for dealing with prison management were named in honour of South African anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela, who had been subjected to hard labour and small jail cells without beds during his 27 years in jail.

Social media users were not incredibly receptive to the Maxwell family's post.

One said: 'She has access to a shower, laptop and calls with her lawyers. She is a multimillionaire with highly paid lawyers.'

On Wednesday Maxwell was denied bail for a fifth time while awaiting trial on charges for allegedly recruiting teenage girls for millionaire Jeffrey Epstein to sexually abuse.

The 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan issued a brief order rejecting Maxwell's latest request. The three-judge panel that issued it did not elaborate.

The appeals court had rejected a bail request once before and her trial judge had thrice said no.

Maxwell has languished in a Brooklyn jailhouse under less than ideal conditions ever since her arrest on July 2, 2020, according to her lawyers.

In the latest bail quest, Maxwell's lawyers asked the appeals court to at least order the lower-court judge to conduct a hearing where evidence related to bail could be shown. The 2nd Circuit rejected that, too.

She has pleaded not guilty to charges including sex trafficking and conspiracy that allege she recruited at least four females for Epstein to sexually abuse between 1994 and 2004.

Maxwell's lawyers have argued she has been mistreated at a federal jail in Brooklyn, though prosecutors dispute the allegations.

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