

Amendment 1

to

CB 120142

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Change standards for exclusion as a training partner to improve enforceability

Amend Section 1 of the bill, to add the following language as shown:

Section 1. A new Section 3.28.141 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

3.28.141 Training with certain countries prohibited

The Seattle Police Department (SPD) shall not participate in any training programs, exchanges, or partnerships with the military forces of any country, or the police forces, intelligence agencies, security services, or other armed forces of any country, or engage in travel to any foreign country or territory for the purpose of training with a foreign military. SPD shall not participate in any training programs, exchanges, or partnerships with the police forces, intelligence agencies or security services of any country or engage in travel to any foreign country or territory:

A. That is not party to the International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic Social & Cultural Rights; or

B. That within the country or territory's boundaries, or within territories that the country occupies or effectively controls, exists a situation under ~~non-preliminary~~ investigation by the International Criminal Court; or an actor against which that Court has found a violation in the last ten years.

Effect: The proposed amendment would broaden the criteria used to capture countries that have human rights violations and would not be able to train with SPD. In addition, the adjective “non-preliminary” is deleted.

Background: The ICC operates separately and independently from the two bodies that administer the ICCPR and the IESCR and it has a different purview. It does, however, focus on identifying and holding accountable those who have committed the type of human rights violations which would also rise to the level of ICCPR and IESCR violations. Due to the ICC’s high standard of cause for raising an investigation from the preliminary to the non-preliminary level, this change aligns with the legislation’s intent and goal. The ICC maintains a current list of all countries and territories in which its investigations are ongoing as well as a record of its past findings.

The ICC itself uses the terminology “preliminary examination” and “investigation” to describe its cases. Removing the adjective aligns the ordinance language with ICC terminology.