

Transformation is possible: Actions from the ECOSOC system

Roundtable Discussion during Management Segment

8 June 2023

10:00 – 12:00 (NY Time) – 16:00-18:00 (Vienna Time)

Statement (479 words)

Distinguished Chair,

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to you for convening this important roundtable discussion and for giving me the opportunity to share the recent actions and outcomes of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, CCPCJ. I will focus on the first cross-cutting issue, namely “people-centered, resilient institutions and risk-informed policies”.

The “Kyoto Declaration on Advancing Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law: Towards the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the leading policy document on crime prevention and criminal justice and negotiated by the CCPCJ, has placed effective, accountable, impartial and inclusive institutions at the center of achieving its crucial Mandate.

At the 32nd session in May, the Commission adopted six (6) Resolutions, including:

- Its first ever **Resolution on “Equal access to justice for all”** (for adoption by the General Assembly). The CCPCJ encouraged Member States to explore cross-sectoral, multidisciplinary, multi-stakeholder, holistic and integrated approaches, taking into account that access to justice is key for the rule of law, the achievement of safe and secure societies, and the right to equal treatment before the law;
- The CCPCJ also adopted a resolution on **“action against trafficking in persons in business operations, public procurement and supply chains for goods and services”**, in which it called upon Member States to intensify their efforts to prevent and address the demand that fosters

trafficking in persons and urged Member States to institutionalise a people-centered approach to combat trafficking of persons in business operations and supplies of good and services.

- In a Resolution entitled **“Enhancing the contributions of the CCPCJ to the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**, the General Assembly would invite the Commission to continue developing policies and awareness-raising initiatives on accelerating the implementation of the SDGs, invite Member States and other relevant stakeholders to provide views on how the Commission can contribute to the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and request the Commission to transmit that information to the High-level Political Forum at its meeting in 2024.
- Further, the Commission adopted a **comprehensive and forward-looking substantive agenda for the 15th United Nations Crime Congress** to be held in the United Arab Emirates in 2026 under the **overarching theme “Accelerating crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: protecting people and planet and achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the digital age”**.
- During a Special event which I held in my capacity as the Chair of the CCPCJ, H.E. Mr. Csaba KŐRÖSI, President of the General Assembly at its 77th session, called for synergetic partnerships in making breakthroughs in achieving SDG 16.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

By prioritizing people-centered, resilient institutions and risk-informed policies, we can lay the foundation for a safer, more secure, and prosperous future. The CCPCJ stands ready to collaborate and support Member States and partner institutions in these endeavours.

Thank you!

Q&A Session (100-150 words each):

More information about policy framework:

The “Kyoto Declaration on Advancing Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law: Towards the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” was adopted in 2021 by the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. In the leading policy document on crime prevention and criminal justice, States committed to ensuring the integrity and impartiality of law enforcement and other criminal justice institutions, to take effective measures against corruption and to ensure equal access to justice for all. I would like to invite all Member States to actively participate in the thematic discussion about the implementation of these commitments on 20 and 21 September.

More information about contribution of CCPCJ to Agenda 2030:

As the principal policymaking body of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, the Commission is in a unique position to support the implementation of Goal 16. The Commission has further regularly documented its work for the achievement of all Goals in its yearly contributions to the HLPF including through its work on

- Goal 4 (Quality education): youth crime prevention, education for justice, juvenile justice, the rights of children in contact with the criminal justice system.
- Goal 5 (Gender equality): violence against women and girls, access to justice and access to legal aid for women and girls, efforts to mainstream a gender perspective into crime prevention and criminal justice
- Goal 11 (Sustainable cities and communities): urban safety and tailor-made crime prevention strategies, prevention of gang-related and urban crime.
- Goal 13s (Climate Action), Goal 14 (Life below Water) and Goal 15 (Life on Land) - crimes that affect the environment, illicit trafficking in wildlife.