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International Day for the Prevention of and Fight against All Forms of
Transnational Organized Crime

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Organized crime steals, corrupts and kills. It's time we pull together to push back.

In today's interconnected world, transnational criminal networks are exploiting vulnerabilities in every society, every sector, and every corner of the globe.

From human trafficking to firearms and from drug trafficking to crimes that affect the environment, cybercrime, fraud and online scams, organized crime takes many forms, and its consequences are devastating.

It takes lives and causes suffering, destabilizes communities, weakens economies, and erodes trust.

Organized crime is growing more sophisticated and more dangerous, and no one country can confront these challenges alone.

On the 15th of November, the world will mark the very first International Day for the Prevention of and Fight against All Forms of Transnational Organized Crime.

The new International Day is a call for global solidarity and global action.

The challenges of organized crime are growing but so too are the opportunities for cooperation against these threats.

By pulling together - governments in the global North and South, banks and businesses, civil society and communities, young and old - we can push back against organized crime, everywhere, for safety and security, for development and human rights, for prosperity and peace.