On 3 and 4 December, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) held its regular and reconvened twenty-ninth sessions. The meetings took place in Vienna and were attended by 120 Member States, eight intergovernmental organizations, eight UN entities and 20 non-governmental organizations. Due to the COVID-19 situation, only Members of the Commission could have a delegate attending in person, all others participated remotely.

The regular twenty-ninth session of the Commission, originally scheduled to take place from 18 to 22 May 2020 in Vienna, was postponed due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation. The scaled-down regular session was held on 3 December, in a hybrid format, followed immediately by the reconvened session of the Commission.

At its reconvened session, the CCPCJ discussed, jointly with the Vienna-based Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions pertaining to the work of UNODC. Under this item, the Commissions, among others, considered the implementation of the consolidated budget of UNODC for the biennium 2020-2021. During its separate meeting on 4 December, the Commission adopted a resolution entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2020-2021 for the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund” and a decision on the extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC (FINGOV) until the end of 2021.

Furthermore, the Executive Secretary and the Secretary of the 14th UN Crime Congress, to be held in Kyoto, Japan from 7 to 12 March 2021, as well as the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations in Vienna, on behalf of the Host Country, briefed the Commission on the substantive and logistical preparations for the Congress. In addition, Member States exchanged views on the contributions by the Commission to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
New dates

The 14th Crime Congress, originally scheduled to take place from 20 to 27 April 2020, had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 circumstances. In its decision A/74/550 B of 12 August, the General Assembly decided on the new dates of the 14th Crime Congress, which will be held from 7 to 12 March 2021 in Kyoto, Japan.

New website

A new website of the 14th Crime Congress has been launched: unode-congress@un.org. The website contains information on the substantive and logistical preparations for the Congress, including details on the registration.

Briefings on the preparations for the 14th Crime Congress

UNODC held, together with the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, a series of briefings on the preparations for the 14th Crime Congress:

- **30 September**: Briefing in the margins of the Second Intersessional Meeting of CCPCJ;
- **5 October**: Briefing for Permanent Missions in New York, in the margins of the meeting of the General Assembly’s Third Committee on crime-related matters;
- **1 December**: Briefing for Member States;
- **17 December**: Briefing for non-governmental organizations, individual experts and the Institutes of the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network.

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Rapporteur:
Mr. Carlos Alberto Garcia Reyes of Guatemala (Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

Upcoming events

*22 January*: CCPCJ First Intersessional Meeting
*January-February*: Informal consultations on the Kyoto declaration
*17 February*: CCPCJ Second Intersessional Meeting
*6 March*: Pre-Congress informal consultations
*7-12 March*: 14th Crime Congress
*17-21 May*: 30th regular session of CCPCJ