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Western Asian Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Doha, 1-3 June 2009

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 - (c) Making the United Nations guidelines on crime prevention work;
 - (d) Criminal justice responses to the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons, and links to transnational organized crime;
 - (e) International cooperation to address money-laundering based on relevant United Nations and other instruments;
 - (f) Recent developments in the use of science and technology by offenders and by competent authorities in fighting crime, including the case of cybercrime;
 - (g) Practical approaches to strengthening international cooperation in fighting crime-related problems;
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5. Topics to be considered by workshops within the framework of the Twelfth Congress:
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 - (b) Survey of United Nations and other best practices in the treatment of prisoners in the criminal justice system;
 - (c) Practical approaches to preventing urban crime;
 - (d) International coordinated response to links between drug trafficking and other forms of organized crime;
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Annotations

2. Election of officers

The Meeting is invited, under item 2 of the provisional agenda, to elect its officers. It is suggested that one Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and one Rapporteur be elected.

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Meeting may wish to establish a timetable and agree on the organization of work. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

4. Substantive items on the agenda of the Twelfth Congress

- (a) **Children, youth and crime**
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- (c) **Making the United Nations guidelines on crime prevention work**
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- (e) **International cooperation to address money-laundering based on relevant United Nations and other instruments**
- (f) **Recent developments in the use of science and technology by offenders and by competent authorities in fighting crime, including the case of cybercrime**
- (g) **Practical approaches to strengthening international cooperation in fighting crime-related problems**

(h) Crime prevention and criminal justice responses to violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families

On the recommendation of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as the preparatory body of the Twelfth Congress, the General Assembly adopted resolution 63/193, entitled “Preparations for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”. In paragraph 8 of the resolution, the Assembly urged participants in the regional preparatory meetings to examine the substantive items on the agenda of the Twelfth Congress and to make action-oriented recommendations to serve as a basis for the draft recommendations and conclusions for consideration by the Twelfth Congress.

The substantive items are expanded upon in the discussion guide (A/CONF.213/PM.1), which is to supplement the present annotations. In its consideration of the substantive items contained in the provisional agenda of the Twelfth Congress, the Meeting is expected to provide specific recommendations to serve as a basis for the draft declaration to be considered by the Congress.

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6. Recommendations for the draft declaration of the Twelfth Congress

In accordance with paragraphs 2 (h) and (i) of General Assembly resolution 56/119, the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice are to adopt a single declaration containing recommendations derived from

the deliberations of the high-level segment, the round tables and the workshops, to be submitted to the Commission for its consideration and action.

7. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

As the report of the Meeting is expected to be action-oriented, participants are urged to focus on specific recommendations, taking into account the regional perspective and elements contained in the discussion guide.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

The purpose of the proposed organization of work for the Western Asian Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice set out below is to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the limited time available, taking into account the services available to the Meeting.

Western Asian Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 1-3 June 2009

<i>Title or description</i>	
Monday, 1 June	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 1.</i> Opening of the Meeting
	<i>Item 2.</i> Election of officers
	<i>Item 3.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	<i>Item 4.</i> Substantive items on the agenda of the Twelfth Congress
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> Substantive items on the agenda of the Twelfth Congress (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 2 June	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Topics to be considered by workshops within the framework of the Twelfth Congress
Wednesday, 3 June	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 6.</i> Discussion and adoption of recommendations for the draft declaration of the Twelfth Congress
	<i>Item 7.</i> Adoption of the report of the Meeting
	Closure of the Meeting