

*Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
at its thirty-first session*

Proposed arrangements – Regular Session

16-20 May 2022

A. Background

The regular thirty-first session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is scheduled for 16-20 May 2022. The provisional annotated agenda will be published on the website of the Commission following the present arrangements.

The present proposed organizational arrangements were drafted in response to the recent developments of the COVID-19 pandemic, taking into consideration the regulations by the host country, Austria, and the guidelines of the Vienna International Centre.

Based on the developments of the global health situation and to possible changes to the regulations by the host Country Austria, the following arrangements may be revised closer to the regular session.

B. Organization

Format

The sessions will be conducted in a hybrid format, in the M-building of the Vienna International Centre.

The meetings of the plenary and COW will be held in parallel. The plenary meetings will be held in the plenary hall of the M-building. The meetings of the COW will be held in Boardroom A.

The in-person participation will be possible for a limited number of delegates from United Nations Member States, UN Entities, IGOs and NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC. Due to COVID-requirements the number of seats in the room is limited and as such only a limited number of in-person participants can join. In-person participants are required to confirm adherence to relevant provisions contained in the COVID guidelines for participants¹ and are expected to provide supporting documents as necessary.

The pre-session consultations will be held in a hybrid format on 13 May 2022, from 12 noon to 2 pm in Boardroom A, with interpretation into the six official languages. A technical test

¹ https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/session/31_Session_2022/session-31-of-the-ccpcj.html

will be offered by conference services in connection with the pre-session consultations (13 May, 11 am -12 noon)

A workshop of the Programme Network Institutes (PNI)network will be held in a hybrid format during the first meeting of the Committee of the Whole, prior to its consideration of draft resolutions (Monday, 16 May, 2-4 p.m.), in a hybrid format.

Meeting Times

Information to be provided at a later stage.

Participation

In line with the Rules of Procedure of the Functional Commissions of ECOSOC, Member States, as well as representatives of UN Entities, IGOs and NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC can participate in the session.

In-person participation

In the meeting room for the plenary, two seats will be reserved for in-person participation for each United Nations Member State.

In addition, there will be 10 seats for UN Entities, 10 seats for IGOs and 10 seats for NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC reserved in the plenary Hall, which will be assigned on a “first come first served”-basis. The in-person slots for NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC will be determined through the Civil Society Unit of UNODC and the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Only one representative per delegation from IGOs and NGOs can come to the meeting room at a given time, within the overall number of assigned in-person slots for IGOs and NGOs. Others can join online.

In the meeting room for the COW (Boardroom-A), two delegates per Member State can participate in person on a “first come, first served” basis. 5 seats will be reserved for observers. All others can join online.

In light of the COVID-19 developments, journalists will be requested to follow the plenary sessions online.

Online access

The meetings will be held on an online conference platform. All registered participants will receive an access link to the online conference platform.

All registered participants can join the plenary and speak on the conference platform. In addition, all plenary meetings will be publicly webcast in all languages – all those who do not need to speak can follow the proceedings there.

Delegates registered for the COW can join the meetings of the COW and the related informal consultations on the online conference platform.

Registration

Participants need to register for the session through the system INDICO. The link to the registration system will be posted on the Commission website 4 weeks before the start of the session. Registrations need to be received by the Secretariat before Wednesday, 11 May 2022 COB.

For each participant, registration will need to indicate whether they will come in-person or join online. The official list of participants will reflect the information provided by delegates in INDICO. Delegates are therefore kindly requested to include their official functional title also in INDICO, not only in the note verbale or official communication submitted.

Statements

Statements of Member States and other stakeholders are limited to three minutes. Statements by regional groups are limited to five minutes.

Statements held under the general debate that are shared with the Secretariat (unodc-sgb@un.org), including longer versions, will be uploaded on the website of the Commission. Statements under any other agenda item, including longer versions, will be uploaded upon request. To facilitate the work of the interpreters, delegations are encouraged to share statements in advance with unov.conference@un.org.

The list of speakers for the general debate will be established on a “first come, first served” basis, differentiating only between ministers and other high-level speakers. The registration period for the general debate starts on Monday, 25 April and closes on Monday, 9 May 2022.

IGOs and NGOs (coordinated by the Alliance) may make statements during the session, time permitting.

Delegations intending to deliver a statement under a particular agenda item, are encouraged to inform the Secretariat as of 25 April 2022 and before the opening day of the session, by indicating the agenda item as well as the representative who will deliver the statement. Member States will be accommodated on a “first come, first serve” basis.

Instead of delivering a statement live, Member States, UN Entities, IGOs and NGOs may submit pre-recorded video statements for the general debate and for any other agenda item. The statements have to comply with the time limitation and technical requirements. The videos need to be transmitted to unov-conference.statements@un.org by 6 May 2022. For the technical requirements, please consult the guide on video statements published on the website of the Commissions.²

² https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/session/31_Session_2022/session-31-of-the-ccpcj.html

Documentation

Pre-session documentation is issued in an electronic format. It is available on the Official Documentation System (ODS), and in addition also posted on the CCPCJ website.

In-session documentation (the parts of the report for adoption) will be made available on paper for the delegates. It will also be available on the Official Documentation System (ODS) and on the website of the Commission.

Adoption of resolutions/decisions/report of the meeting

Given that all Member States will have the possibility of physically attending the session, resolutions and decisions, as well as the report on its meeting will be adopted in-session. In accordance with past practice, those parts of the report that reflect the last day of the session will be compiled and finalized by the Chair with the assistance of the Rapporteur.

Side events

Side events will be held online. The organization of the side events and the participation therein is the responsibility of the organizers. The Secretariat will not be in a position to provide assistance with trouble shooting. The Secretariat will publish a programme of events. All side events will be accessible through the online conference platform.

Informal consultations on draft resolutions

Informal consultations, accessible for Member States only, can be arranged by sponsors of resolutions. The Secretariat will assist with arranging these informal consultations to limit, to the extent possible, overlap. Meeting rooms will be available at the VIC to hold informal consultations in a hybrid format. Sponsors using these rooms will be responsible for adherence to COVID-19 measures during their informal consultations, including maximum room occupancy levels. Informal consultations can also be held fully online.

Member States wishing to follow online informals from the VIC can use any of the rooms designated for informal consultations that are not used at a given moment. They will be responsible for adherence to COVID-19 measures.