

Decision 33/2

Participation of the European Union in the work of the Commission

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Recalling General Assembly resolution [65/276](#) of 3 May 2011, entitled “Participation of the European Union in the work of the United Nations”, in which the Assembly acknowledged that it is for each regional organization to define the modalities of its external representation,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 of 22 July 2003, in which the Council decided that the Chair of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was to, whenever appropriate, invite the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the Presidency of the European Union to participate in the meetings of the Bureau,

Recalling further the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, and in particular rule 79, as well as the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, and in particular rule 74, according to which representatives of intergovernmental organizations accorded permanent observer status by the General Assembly and of other intergovernmental organizations designated on a continuing basis by the Council or invited by the commission may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the commission on questions within the scope of the activities of the organizations,

Acknowledging that the Chair may accord the right to speak, in accordance with rules 41 and 43 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council,

Noting the existing practice according to which the representatives of the European Union participate in the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and may speak on behalf of the European Union in the exercise of the competences conferred by its member States, as previously done by the State holding the Presidency of the European Union,

Mindful of the modalities for the participation of non-members of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as set out in the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, and without prejudice to the practice with regard to States speaking on behalf of groups of States, and without setting a precedent for other forums,

Bearing in mind the role of the Economic and Social Council in overseeing the work of its functional commissions, each having its own specificity:

Reaffirms the existing practice whereby the representatives of the European Union may continue to participate, without the right to vote, in the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and continue to be inscribed on the list of speakers in order to make interventions on behalf of the European Union, including for opening remarks reserved for members of the extended Bureau.