From 8 to 10 December 2021, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) held its reconvened 30th session in a hybrid format, which was attended by representatives from governments, UN entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

On 8 December, the Commission held a thematic discussion entitled, “Effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children”. It was an active discussion between the panellists and participants. The two sessions were broadcasted live and interpreted in the six official UN languages.

On 9 December, the Commission held a joint meeting with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) to discuss strategic management, budgetary and administrative issues of UNODC. Under this agenda item, the Commissions, among others, considered the consolidated budget of UNODC for the biennium 2022-2023.

One separate meeting of the CCPCJ was held in the afternoon of 10 December, during which, the Commission had under consideration an agenda item on the “Follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, and agenda item 11, “Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session of the Commission”.

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During its thirtieth regular session in May 2021, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice adopted by consensus a resolution entitled “Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, through which the Commission approved the Kyoto Declaration and recommended, through the Economic and Social Council, its endorsement by the General Assembly. Member States requested, amongst others, in operative paragraph 11 of the resolution that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, hold intersessional thematic discussions, working in close consultation with Member States on a workplan, to effectively follow up on the Kyoto Declaration through the sharing of information, good practices and lessons learned. The proposed workplan for the follow-up to the Kyoto Declaration follows the four pillars of the declaration, with PILLAR I - Advancing crime prevention; having the following sub-items session 1: Addressing the causes, including the root causes of crime; enhancing evidence-based crime prevention and promoting tailor-made crime prevention strategies; session 2: Addressing the economic dimension of crime; and session 3: Mainstreaming a gender perspective into crime prevention; addressing the needs and protect the rights of children and youth in crime prevention; and empowering youth for crime prevention. The first thematic discussion was held from 10 to 12 November in a hybrid format, and webcasted on the CCPCJ website. Each day of the thematic discussions consisted of an introductory presentation and a panel discussion followed by interventions from international organizations and UN entities with an interactive debate. The panels included representatives from Member States nominated by the regional groups, as well as civil society organisations.

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Upcoming Events:
14—16 February 2022: 1st intersessional meeting, Expert Discussions on Crimes that Affect the Environment
16—20 May 2022: 31st session of the CCPCJ

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