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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the [[[AddressLine1PR]]] [[[ToUNOV]]] and has the honour to inform the Government that the **Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice** will be held in person in **San José, Costa Rica, from 4 to 6 February 2025**. The Fifteenth Crime Congress will be held from 25 to 30 April 2026 in Abu Dhabi under the overall theme “Accelerating crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: protecting people and planet and achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the digital age”, in line with General Assembly resolution [78/223](#).

The Regional Preparatory Meeting will have before it a discussion guide on the overarching theme of the Congress as well as the substantive agenda items and the workshop topics to be covered by the Congress, prepared by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in cooperation with the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network. Interpretation for English, French and Spanish will be available during the meeting.

The provisional agenda for the Congress, as approved in General Assembly resolution [78/223](#) of 22 December 2023, provides the basis for the provisional agenda for the Regional Preparatory Meeting, focused on the substantive agenda items and the workshop topics. The provisional agenda for the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting is enclosed to this invitation (Annex I).

The Regional Preparatory Meeting is invited to examine the substantive agenda items and workshop topics of the Congress from a regional perspective and to make action-oriented recommendations to form a first basis for the beginning of the negotiations on the draft Abu Dhabi declaration, which is to be adopted at the opening of the Fifteenth Crime Congress.

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Meeting documents in the relevant languages and general information on the preparations of the Fifteenth Crime Congress can be accessed through the following link:

www.unodc.org/unodc/en/crimecongress/regional/latin-america.html

The Government is hereby invited to participate in the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and to designate the members of its delegation. The Government is encouraged to give due consideration to gender parity and inclusion of youth in the composition of its delegation to the meeting.

Delegations are responsible for covering and arranging their own travel including airfares, accommodation and visas. Delegates must adhere to entry regulations and are expected to have adequate medical and travel insurance coverage. Delegates who require a visa should contact the competent diplomatic or consular authorities of Costa Rica and apply for a visa in good time prior to their intended date of arrival in Costa Rica.

Members of the delegation are welcome to **register online** for the meeting. Registration will open on **30 December 2024**. The link to register as well as instructions on how to register will be made available in due course on the above-mentioned website of the meeting.

Additional queries can be addressed to the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies of UNODC at unodc-sgb@un.org.

The Secretariat of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the [[[AddressLine1PR]]] [[[ToUNOV]]] the assurances of its highest consideration.

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