



Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

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Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the provisional agenda*

**Comprehensive strategies for crime prevention
towards social and economic development**

**Integrated approaches to challenges facing the
criminal justice system**

**Multidimensional approaches by Governments to
promoting the rule of law by, inter alia, providing
access to justice for all; building effective,
accountable, impartial and inclusive institutions;
and considering social, educational and other
relevant measures, including fostering a culture of
lawfulness while respecting cultural identities, in
line with the Doha Declaration**

**International cooperation and technical assistance
to prevent and address all forms of crime**

**Conference room paper submitted by the Permanent Mission of
Finland to the United Nations (Vienna) announcing the availability
of the recent publication “The Evolution of the United Nations
Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, written by
Dr. Matti Joutsen****

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Publication now available on the evolution of the United Nations Crime Congresses

The Government of Finland wishes to bring to the attention of the participants at the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, currently being hosted by the Government of Japan in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in Kyoto (7-12 March 2021) a recent publication of the Thailand Institute of Justice that describes the evolution of the United Nations Crime Congresses.

The United Nations Congresses on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice are the world's largest global gatherings on crime and justice. They are also the oldest periodic conferences organized by the United Nations on a specific subject area. The Congresses bring together senior policy makers, practitioners, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as individual experts in crime prevention, law enforcement, prosecution, the courts, corrections and related fields.

Over the course of sixty-five years, the composition and the nature of the Congresses have evolved, largely reflecting shifts in the general approach to crime, as well as changes in the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme. Throughout their history, they have contributed to the shaping of a truly global discussion on approaches to crime prevention and criminal justice. They have greatly served to disseminate awareness of such key concepts and issues as transnational crime, development and crime, abuse of power, corruption, domestic violence, victim policy, money laundering, terrorism, environmental crime, and cybercrime. They have also strengthened international cooperation.

The publication, which was written by Dr. Matti Joutsen, who is a member of the delegation of Finland to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress, is available at <https://knowledge.tijthailand.org/en/publication/detail/the-evolution-of-the-united-nations-congress-on-crime-prevention-and-criminal-justice#book/>
