

High Level Political Forum 2024 – side event
“Forging synergies for sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions: The Vienna-based Commissions cooperating with others to advance SDGs 3, 16 and the 2030 Agenda”

SPEAKING NOTES

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at its thirty-third session**

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SLIDE 1 – Introduction

Distinguished representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As Chair of the 33rd session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to this side event and share with you how the Commission works with others towards the implementation of SDG 16 and the Agenda 2030 as a whole.

SLIDE 2 – About CCPCJ

The CCPCJ is the **principal policy-making body** of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. It also acts as a preparatory body for and follow up body to the **United Nations Crime Congresses on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**.

SLIDE 3 – CCPCJ contributions to Agenda 2030

The Commission has placed SDG 16, which you are discussing today at the HLPF, and its connections to other Goals in the center of its work.

- Throughout the 33rd session, the Commission worked tirelessly to implement **GA Resolution 78/225**, entitled **Enhancing the contributions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** – through, inter alia, **awareness-raising initiatives** and efforts to strengthen **reference to the VNRs in the work of the Commission**.
- During the 33rd session of the Commission in May 2024, I held a special event on **“Protecting People and Planet and Achieving the 2030 Agenda in the Digital Age”**.
- In June, I had the pleasure to participate in the **High-Level Debate of the General Assembly** on **“Crime Prevention and Sustainable Development through sports”**.
- The Commission has also made two written contributions to the **2024 High-level Political Forum**.

SLIDE 4 – CCPCJ Contributions to 2024 HLPF

The regular written contribution to the HLPF identified:

- **3 key areas of solutions**, namely (1) the use of digital technologies, (2) measures to address emerging and evolving forms of crimes and (3) strategies to reduce reoffending.
- It also identified **3 actions urgently needed**, namely, (1) ensuring data collection, (2) strengthening international cooperation in criminal matters, and (3) advancing equal access to justice for all.

SLIDE 5 – Contributions to CRP.5

The second written contribution followed the mandate of the above-mentioned GA resolution. **21 Member States, 14 intergovernmental organizations, United Nations agencies, and Programme Network Institutes and 15 non-governmental organizations** made proposals on how the Commission could further contribute to the 2030 Agenda, especially SDG16. These proposals related both to the **organization of the Commission sessions** and to **substantive areas** on which the Commission could focus. You are kindly invited to look at the written contributions at the ECOSOC HLPF website.

SLIDE 6 – CCPCJ contribution to the Summit of the Future

I also called for a reference in the text of the Pact for the Future to measures to prevent and counter crime and make criminal justice systems more effective, humane, transparent and accountable.

SLIDE 7 – the fourth Thematic discussions

The next big event by the CCPCJ will be, in December 2024, **its fourth intersessional Thematic Discussion on the Implementation of the Kyoto Declaration adopted at the 14th United Nations Congress**

on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. This year, the Commission will focus on **international cooperation to prevent and address all forms of crime, including new, emerging and evolving crimes.**

SLIDE 8 – the Fifteenth UN Crime Congress

I want to conclude by highlighting the preparatory work the CCPCJ is undertaken with regard to the upcoming **Fifteenth United Nations Crime Congress**, to be held from 25th to 30th April 2025 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Having as overarching 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**”, this event will be another important milestone

SLIDE 9 - Conclusion

Thank you very much for your attention.