

ECOSOC Management Segment 2024

DRAFT SPEAKING NOTES

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SLIDE 1 – Introduction

Distinguished representatives and colleagues,

As Chair of the thirty-third session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, it is my pleasure to brief you on the recent work of the Commission on the follow-up to the recommendations arising from the 2022 ECOSOC review, which the Commission actively participated in.

SLIDE 2 – Follow-up to the recommendations arising from the 2022 ECOSOC review

The Secretariat analyzed the Summary of Recommendations formulated by ECOSOC in 2022 and was pleased to see that many of the recommendations were already being implemented by the Commission - for instance, the recommendations on dedicating an agenda item to the theme of ECOSOC and on adopting consensus-based approaches. Therefore, the Commission mainly focused on **enhancing implementation of other recommendations where there was more**

scope for action. I will focus on 4 recommendations and what the Commission did to implement them:

First, the Commission has taken several steps to further **strengthen its cooperation with other functional commissions**, through organizing joint side events, round tables, and inviting other functional commissions to the annual thematic discussions of the Commission.

Second, in 2023 the Commission proposed a resolution, later adopted by the GA, on **advancing the 2030 Agenda**, and invited Member States to submit written recommendations on how to strengthen contributions. The Commission also encouraged Member States to include information related to the work of the Commission, including on SDG 16, in their Voluntary National Reviews for 2024, and to report on their VNR results during its regular session this May.

Third, the Commission is looking more closely at **climate change and how it links to crime prevention and criminal justice**. The side-event organized on the occasion of COP28 in Dubai in December 2023 on crimes that affect the environment illustrates that commitment, and the topic of Protecting People and Planet is at the core of the 15th Crime Congress to be held in Abu Dhabi in 2026, for which the Commission acts as preparatory body and organizes awareness raising events.

Fourth, one of the ECOSOC recommendations called for broader **stakeholder engagement** in intergovernmental processes, including that

of youth, and I am proud to announce that we recently launched the **Generation Justice initiative**, which aims to make the 15th Crime Congress the most youth-inclusive one ever. A global youth network has been created and activities are well underway.

SLIDE 3 – Photos side events 33rd CCPCJ regular session

Here are photos of the launch of the Generation Justice initiative, and of the event protecting people and planet in the digital age, both held this May.

Let me also mention that the Commission continuously emphasizes the importance of data collection to advance evidence-based practices on crime prevention and criminal justice. I see one of our panellists today represents INEGI, an institute that has partnered with UNODC to advance data collection and analysis, including for the development of national victimization surveys.

SLIDE 4 - CCPCJ contribution to the 2024 high-level political forum

The Commission has also contributed to the preparations of the 2024 **High-Level Political Forum** in 3 different ways.

First: It submitted its **written contributions** the HLPF, which were mostly based on the Commission's work on equal access to justice, crimes that affect the environment, trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants and reducing reoffending.

Second: The Commission participated in the **ECOSOC Coordination Segment** to present its contribution on accelerating implementation of the 2030 Agenda, especially on SDG16. I also participate at the online round table discussions on drug policy organized by the Chair of the CND with other functional commissions at the margins of that segment.

Third: I will have the honor to host, together with the CND Chair, a side-event during the HLPF in July 2024 on the theme “Forging synergies for sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions: The Vienna-based Commissions cooperating with others to advance SDGs 3, 16 and the 2030 Agenda”.

SLIDE 5 - On the road to the Summit of the Future

Before closing, I would like to highlight the contributions of the Commission to the forthcoming **Summit of the Future**.

In last March, I had the chance to meet with His Excellency Dennis Francis, President of the General Assembly, to discuss the importance of the CCPCJ as a key forum to develop strategies to prevent crime and promote justice and the rule of law.

Upon his invitation, I submitted in April a text proposal to the co-facilitators of the process for consideration in the Pact for the Future.

SLIDE 6 – Thanks

Thank you for your attention.