30th Session of CCPCJ

2021 marked the 30th anniversary of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), with the thirtieth session of the CCPCJ held from 17 to 21 May 2021 in Vienna in a hybrid format. The session was attended by 1,115 participants representing 125 Member States, 15 intergovernmental organizations and 49 non-governmental organizations. In addition to the formal proceedings, 80 side events were organized.

The Commission negotiated a resolution, for adoption by the United Nations General Assembly (GA), which contains, inter alia, policy and operational measures for the follow-up to the 14th Crime Congress. The Commission further adopted 6 resolutions to advance crime prevention, criminal justice, and the rule of law, as follows:

- Preventing and combating crimes that affect the environment
- Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Reducing reoffending through rehabilitation and reintegration
- Integrating sport into youth crime prevention and criminal justice strategies
- Strengthening criminal justice systems during and after the coronavirus disease
- Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons
- Strengthening international cooperation in addressing the smuggling of migrants

Ceremonial Opening Segment

The Commission on the first day commemorated the 30th anniversary session by holding a ceremonial (opening) segment, which included remarks made by: Mr. Antonio Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations; H.E. Mr. Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); Ms. Ghada Waly, Executive Director of UNODC; H.E. Ms. Alma Zadić, Minister of Justice of Austria, H.E. Ms. Marta Cartabia, Minister of Justice of Italy, H.E. Ms. Yōko Kamikawa, Minister of Justice of Japan, Ms. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and by Ms. Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Chair of the Alliance of NGOs on crime prevention and criminal justice.
Cooperation with ECOSOC

As a functional commission of ECOSOC, the CCPCJ cooperates closely with the ECOSOC. On 1 February 2021, the CCPCJ Chair and the CND Chair elaborated on the Commission’s contribution to the High-Level political Forum review of the theme for 2021 and to the work of ECOSOC, in a joint meeting with the Chairs of the ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies held via video conference. In addition, the Commission submitted a written contribution the High-level Political Forum, outlining the Commission’s work and efforts towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

CCPCJ Special Event: Launch of the Trafficking in Persons Report 2020

On 2 February, the Commission held a special event to launch the 2020 UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. The event was chaired by H.E. Ambassador Alessandro Cortese, Chair of the CCPCJ. Speakers included Ms. Ghada Waly, Executive Director of UNODC; H.E. Mr. Alexander Schallenberg, Austrian Federal Minister for European and International Affairs; H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the General Assembly; Ms. Kristiina Kangaspunta, UNODC Crime Research Section; Mr. Ilias Chatzis, UNODC Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section; Mr. Oliver Stolpe, UNODC Office Nigeria; Ms. Suruchi Pant, UNODC Regional Office for South Asia; Ms. Lourdes Gutierrez, UNODC Regional Office for Central America and Caribbean; and Mr. Koen Marquering, UNODC Regional Office for Central Asia.

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Upcoming Events (to be updated):
8 December 2021: 30th reconvened session: Thematic Discussion (smuggling of migrants)
9—10 December 2021: 30th reconvened session