CCPCJ convenes 26th session

The 26th regular session of CCPCJ, held from 21 to 28 May 2017 in Vienna, was attended by 1000 representatives from Member States, UN entities and other international organizations, and civil society. In addition to the annual thematic discussion, participants discussed a number of standing items, including efforts by the UNODC and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, the use and application of UN standards and norms, world crime trends and emerging issues and responses. Over 90 side events and 10 exhibitions were held during the meeting.

2017 thematic discussion

Theme: Comprehensive and integrated crime prevention strategies: public participation, social policies and education in support of the rule of law.

A summary of the discussion can be found in the report of the 26th CCPCJ.

Resolutions adopted by 26th CCPCJ

4 by CCPCJ

2 for ECOSOC

3 for GA

GA:
Draft Res. 2017/14 on 13th and 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
Draft Res. 2017/16 on counter-terrorism

ECOSOC:
Draft Res. 2017/17 on the UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons
Draft Res. 2017/18 on alternatives to imprisonment

CCPCJ:
26/1 on UNODC working group for governance and financial matters
26/2 on prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in prisons
26/3 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into crime prevention and criminal justice
26/4 on international cooperation to combat cybercrime

Bureau members of 26th CCPCJ

Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Mitsuru Kito (Japan)
Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Lofti Bouchaara (Morocco)
Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Roksanda Nincic (Serbia)
Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Wilson Pastor Morris (Ecuador)
Rapporteur: Mr. Roland Seeger (Germany)
Preparations for 14th UN Crime Congress

The 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will be held in Japan in 2020. The congresses, held every 5 years, bring together States, intergovernmental organizations and individual experts and have influenced policies and practices on crime prevention and criminal justice for over 60 years. As decided at the 26th CCPCJ session and approved by ECOSOC for adoption by the General Assembly, the theme of the Congress will be “Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda”. It also decided on the agenda, workshop topics and that the Congress would adopt a single declaration to be submitted to CCPCJ for consideration. In October, UNODC and Japan’s Mission to the UN also organized a briefing in New York on preparations underway. Regional preparatory meetings are planned to take place in 2019.

Mission of CCPCJ Chair to ECOSOC

H.E Ambassador Mitsuru Kitano (Japan), Chair of the 28th CCPCJ, attended ECOSOC’s Coordination and Management meeting, held 6-7 July in New York, to present the highlights of the 26th CCPCJ session and describe how the Commission contributes to the work of ECOSOC, in particular to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He stressed the key role of promoting the rule of law, a core function of CCPCJ, in the achievement of the SDGs.

CCPCJ collaboration with CSW

In the context of GA resolution 70/289 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level, the CCPCJ is strengthening its partnership with other functional commissions, in particular with the Commission on the Status of Women. At the 2017 High-Level Political Forum held in July in New York, CCPCJ and CSW held a joint event to highlight the linkages between gender equality and the empowerment of women, and crime prevention and criminal justice matters.