

• **Women In the Criminal Justice System**

The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI) will cover aspects of female criminality, including the treatment of female offenders and women as victims and practitioners.

As part of the Congress, interested parties and non-governmental organizations whose concerns parallel those of the Congress will also hold simultaneous meetings, symposia and exhibits.



## Major outcome

At the request of the General Assembly, the Tenth Congress will elaborate a single Declaration. The Vienna Declaration is designed to emphasize the responsibility of each State to establish and maintain a fair, responsible, ethical and efficient criminal justice system. It places a high priority on the expeditious adoption and entering into force of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. It will also attempt to commit the UN to develop effective ways of eradicating trafficking in human beings and illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, and help enhance international action against corruption and bribery. The Vienna Declaration will be submitted to the Millennium General Assembly for consideration and action.

## Information

For more information, consult the UN Centre for International Crime Prevention Web site: <http://www.uncjin.org>

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## Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

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## Meeting the challenges of transnational crime

**the very basis of government. There can be no good governance without the rule of law."**

Pino Arlacchi,  
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As countries throughout the world prepare to enter the new millennium, they face an unprecedented challenge. Transnational organized crime, taking full advantage of the globalization of the world economy and the profound technological advances in transportation and telecommunication, has expanded the scope of its activities to reap ever-increasing illegal profits. Never before has there been so much economic opportunity for so many people, but never before has there been so much opportu-



nity for criminal organizations to exploit the system.

Criminal groups traffic in human beings, particularly in women and children, for economic slavery and prostitution. They smuggle arms and ammunitions, launder huge sums of money, commit fraud on a global scale, and traffic in illegal drugs and nuclear material. They corrupt and bribe public officials, politicians and business leaders. They murder people.

Governments acting individually or through traditional forms of international cooperation can no longer meet this challenge, now the greatest non-military threat to national security. The Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held in Vienna, Austria, from 10 to 17 April 2000, will bring together representatives of Governments, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, scholars, experts, practitioners and the media in a unique crime prevention and criminal justice global forum. It will provide an urgently needed opportunity for nations to build a multilateral framework to combat transnational organized crime.

## Agenda

**Substantive preparations for the Tenth Congress are carried out under the guidance of Mr. Pino Arlacchi, Executive Director, Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention.**

Pre-Congress consultations will be held on 9 April. On 10 April, the opening segment will include a presentation entitled "The State of Crime and Criminal Justice Worldwide". The Congress will work in concurrent sessions of a plenary and two committees, and four technical workshops will be held.

The high-level segment of the Tenth Congress will be held on 14 and 15 April 2000, and attended by heads of State or Government, ministers and attorneys-general.

The high-level segment will serve as a platform for political leaders to commit themselves to the fight against crime, especially transnational crime, as an integral component of fostering human security. Special attention will be devoted to establishing ways and means of putting the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime—currently being drawn up by Member States—into practice.

The Congress will close on 17 April with the adoption of the **Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century** and the report of the Congress.

The Congress will include the following topics and workshops:

### Agenda topics

- Promoting the Rule of Law and Strengthening the Criminal Justice System
- International Cooperation In Combating Transnational Crime: New Challenges In the Twenty-first Century
- Effective Crime Prevention: Keeping Pace With New Developments
- Offenders and Victims: Accountability and Fairness in the Justice Process

### Technical workshops

- **Combating Corruption**  
The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Institute (UNICRI) will present best practices in fighting corruption and measures for harmonizing international efforts, including legal instruments.
- **Crimes Related to the Computer Network**  
The Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) will host discussions on issues related to data storage, electronic communications and safeguarding privacy rights.
- **Community Involvement in Crime Prevention**  
The International Center for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) will present a set of successful case studies and evaluate crime prevention strategies.

This archiving project is a collaborative effort between United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and American Society of Criminology, Division of International Criminology. Any comments or questions should be directed to Cindy J. Smith at [CJSmithphd@comcast.net](mailto:CJSmithphd@comcast.net) or Emil Wandzilak at [emil.wandzilak@unodc.org](mailto:emil.wandzilak@unodc.org).