



## INTERNATIONAL CRIME CLASSIFICATION FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ICCS

### CLASSIFYING TO UNDERSTAND: EVERY CRIME COUNTS

#### UNDERSTANDING CRIME

Using the Classification ensures a deep understanding of the characteristics of victims, of perpetrators, their motives and the context of the crime; essential elements to strengthen research and targeted crime prevention policies.



#### COUNTING ALL CRIMES



Provides a comprehensive Classification of all crimes, according to the following criteria:

- ✓ Policy relevance
- ✓ Seriousness of the act
- ✓ Targets of crime
- ✓ Modus operandi

Enables the production of data on criminal conducts that had not previously been recognized.

Enhances spatial and temporal analysis through geo-referencing.

#### STANDARDIZING THE SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATISTICS

The Classification sets up a common language between different bodies, jurisdictions and levels of government for a cross-cutting monitoring through all criminal justice institutions.

Statistical principles and best practices followed by the Classification:

- ✓ Exhaustiveness
- ✓ Hierarchical structure
- ✓ Mutual exclusivity



#### COMPARING THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL SPHERES

Instead of using legal definitions, the Classification contains precise descriptions of all criminal conducts that can occur around the globe. These descriptions allow comparability of data within and across countries.

#### REPORTING ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Full implementation of the Classification will enable countries to produce high quality data to properly report on a number of SDG indicators; mainly from Goal 16 "Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions".



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