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## WELCOME

Welcome to the fifth issue of UNHQ in Review. We are delighted to continue this quarterly newsletter to provide the latest updates on recent and upcoming events and activities at UNHQ in New York, as well as the work of the UNODC New York Liaison Office (UNODC NYLO).

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The fourth quarter of 2022, which marks the end of a highly active year for UNODC NYLO, is covered in this edition. In October, the Office had the privilege of facilitating and organizing Ms. Ghada Waly, UNODC Executive Director's mission to UNHQ, which consisted of her participation at various high level events such as "The Presentation of the new UNODC Global Programme on Preventing and Countering Terrorism" and "Launch of the New UNODC Toolkit on the Investigation and Prosecution of Trafficking in Persons for Organ Removal" and a series of bilateral meetings with Member States and UN entities to further discuss areas of mutual interest and strengthen partnerships on key priorities for UNODC . These, and additional events, are outlined in more details in this newsletter.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the UNHQ in Review and we look forward to your continued partnership and engagement with our work in the year ahead.

UNODC New York Liaison Office Team

## RECENT EVENTS IN FOCUS

### SECURITY COUNCIL BRIEFING ON “PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA: STRENGTHENING THE FIGHT AGAINST THE FINANCING OF TERRORIST AND ARMED GROUPS THROUGH THE ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF NATURAL RESOURCES” - 6 OCTOBER

At the invitation of Gabon, Ms. Ghada Waly, UNODC Executive Director, briefed the Security Council and emphasized that UNODC remains fully engaged to support Africa’s fight against the criminal trade in wildlife and natural resources. She expressed that UNODC is organising training workshops with UNICRI to strengthen the understanding and skills of criminal justice officials to work across agencies, share intelligence and information, and bring down terrorist networks and those who fund them. UNODC also works to strengthen inter-agency coordination and promote the financial investigation of natural resources and wildlife trafficking. Ms. Waly also highlighted UNODC’s youth-driven, peace-building project. In partnership with UNESCO, UNODC is empowering Youth to become ‘weavers of peace’ in the cross-border regions of Gabon, Cameroon, and Chad.



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### SECURITY COUNCIL BRIEFING ON “PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA: THE SITUATION OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA IN THE GULF OF GUINEA” 22 NOVEMBER

Ms. Ghada Waly, UNODC Executive Director, briefed the Security Council on the current situation of piracy and organized crime at sea in the Gulf of Guinea, and proposed recommendations to further strengthen maritime security in the region. She noted the decrease in piracy incidents as a result of long-term multi-faceted work that includes the Yaoundé Maritime Security Architecture, increased naval patrols, and the successful piracy convictions in Nigeria and Togo in 2021. She emphasized the need to help Member States develop legal frameworks to criminalize piracy and reach a ‘legal finish’ to every case pursued, and the importance of a community-based crime prevention approach to address the root causes of piracy in the Gulf of Guinea.



# LAUNCH OF UNODC TOOLKIT ON THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS FOR ORGAN REMOVAL

25 OCTOBER

This High Level Launch event took place on 25 October 2022. UNODC has developed a comprehensive and innovative toolkit on the investigation and prosecution of trafficking in persons for organ removal. The toolkit consists of a virtual reality crime scene investigation tool which allows law enforcement to better identify and collect evidence from medical surgeries and clinical settings, a prosecution manual and a victim interview protocol. Together with WHO, OHCHR and OSCE, UNODC promotes the importance of multi-agency investigations and prosecutions and of including NGOs in the response to this crime, so that victims are earlier identified, assisted and protected. Find the toolkit [here](#).



## UNGA RESOLUTIONS

NYLO followed negotiations of this year UNGA's resolutions and provided technical expertise to Member States, upon request, including on:

1. "Addressing the world drug problem through a comprehensive and balanced approach"
2. "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and the transfer of proceeds of corruption, facilitating asset recovery and returning such assets to legitimate owners, in particular to countries of origin, in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption"
3. "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity"
4. "Trafficking in women and girls"
5. "Strengthening and promoting effective measures and international cooperation on organ donation and transplantation to prevent and combat trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FOURTH SESSION OF THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO ELABORATE A COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON COUNTERING THE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES FOR CRIMINAL PURPOSES (9-20 JANUARY 2023, VIENNA, AUSTRIA)**
- **LAUNCH OF THE 6TH BIENNIAL GLOBAL REPORT ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (JANUARY 2023, NEW YORK AND VIENNA)**
- **UNODC AND UN WOMEN'S JOINT EVENT ON "GENDER-RELATED KILLINGS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS (FEMICIDES/FEMINICIDES): IMPROVING DATA TO IMPROVE RESPONSES" (JANUARY 2023, NEW YORK)**
- **66TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND) (13-17 MARCH 2023, VIENNA)**

## RECENT EVENTS IN FOCUS

### PRESENTATION OF THE NEW UNODC GLOBAL PROGRAMME ON PREVENTING AND COUNTERING TERRORISM - 24 OCTOBER

NYLO hosted an in-person high-level launch of the Programme at the occasion of the negotiations of the General Assembly on its resolution 'Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme', in particular its technical cooperation capacity. UNODC has developed a new Global Programme on Preventing and Countering Terrorism, which aims to serve as the framework for UNODC's technical assistance in terrorism prevention. The Program will initially run from 2022 until 2027. The Programme is structured along three outcomes that reflect UNODC's mandates relevant to the context of terrorism prevention.



### STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF SPORTS IN YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION - 8 NOVEMBER

This event updated Member States on initiatives and projects to prevent youth violence and crime in and through sport. Also, it served as a forum to exchange learning and good practice on strengthening sport-based policy and programming in community-based crime prevention with a focus on youth, as well as the opportunities around major sports events' legacy. The meeting also discussed opportunities to further strengthen cooperation and partnerships to leverage contributions of sport in preventing violence and crime, and building peaceful, safe communities.



### ANTI-CORRUPTION AT THE CROSSROADS OF PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT - 25 OCTOBER



This high-level special briefing was held with speakers from Colombia, the Department of Peace Operations (DPO), the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), as well as the UNODC Executive Director and the Chief of the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch (CEB). Speakers addressed key developments in prevention of and fight against corruption, with a focus on the increasing role and importance of anti-corruption in peace and developmental efforts and follow up to the political declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its special session against corruption (UNGASS) held in 2021. In addition, attention was drawn to the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

### PARTNERSHIPS IN COMMUNITY BASED CRIME PREVENTION - 7 NOVEMBER

UNODC has developed a new Global Programme on People-centred Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice which places community and knowledge-based crime prevention at the centre of technical assistance initiatives and underlines respect for human rights as an objective and a “problem-solving measure”. Through this programme, the Office is able to better assist countries to implement effective crime prevention policies and programmes while strengthening partnership working with leading youth-, education-, sport- and other stakeholders.



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