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United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Organized Crime Branch

The Organized Crime Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime seeks to strengthen the rule of law through supporting Member States in the implementation and practical application of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, as well as the international drug control treaties ■



Within the Organized Crime Branch, under the Division for Treaty Affairs, three sections work to support the operations of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and assist Member States in realizing their obligations under the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

■ CONFERENCE SUPPORT SECTION (CSS)

To facilitate effective implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto, CSS provides services to the Conference of the Parties and its Working Groups. The Section provides legislative assistance in the ratification and implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and acts as the focal point within UNODC for emerging crime topics such as cybercrime and digital evidence, online child abuse and exploitation, as well as trafficking in cultural property. The Section offers support and assistance to countries in the following areas:

- Ratification of the Convention
- Assessment of laws and institutions necessary for fulfilling Convention provisions
- The drafting and passing of new laws and legal amendments
- Establishing international cooperation mechanisms for, inter alia, mutual legal assistance and extradition
- Anti-organized crime policies and strategies
- Knowledge management on implementation of the Convention

The Section also provides legislative assistance in the implementation of the international drug control framework.

In addition, the Section is responsible for three global programmes:

- Support for the work of the Conference of the Parties to the Organized Crime Convention
- The Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/230
- The Global Programme on Cybercrime



■ IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT SECTION (ISS)

ISS provides, inter alia, advice, technical support and project guidance (including to the country and regional programmes and projects with relevant components) on the implementation and practical application of the international conventions to which UNODC provides secretariat support. In undertaking this work, ISS interacts directly with law enforcement and legal authorities including police, customs, anti-narcotics enforcement, border control bodies, national security agencies (if they are empowered with law enforcement functions) financial intelligence units, criminal asset recovery units, prosecutors, judges and others—working closely with UNODC field offices. In addition, the Section currently has oversight and responsibility for four of UNODC’s global programmes:

- The Global Programme for Strengthening the Capacities of Member States to Prevent and Combat (transnational) Organized and Serious Crimes
- The UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme (CCP)
- The Global Programme against Money-Laundering, Proceeds of Crime and the Financing of Terrorism
- Global Firearms Programme—Countering transnational illicit arms trafficking through the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Firearms Protocol



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■ HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MIGRANT SMUGGLING SECTION (HMTSS)

HMTSS supports Member States in implementing the key international instruments that address trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants: the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children; and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. HMTSS assists Member States, criminal justice practitioners and relevant stakeholders in preventing and prosecuting these crimes, protecting the rights of people who fall prey to the criminals who commit them, and promoting cooperation among Member States to achieve those ends. The Section offers support and assistance in five main areas:

- Knowledge-base expansion
- Strategy and policy development
- Prevention and awareness-raising
- Ratification and legislative assistance
- Capacity development

HMTSS also facilitates international cooperation, supports policy work at the international and inter-agency levels, and provides substantive technical services and comprehensive strategic advice to inter-governmental and inter-agency forums to prevent and combat trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants.

HMTSS' technical assistance and support is delivered primarily through three global programmes:

- The Global Programme against Trafficking in Persons
- The Global Programme against the Smuggling of Migrants
- The Global Action to Prevent and Address Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants