

CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FRIDAY 27 MAY 2022

Collection of inputs and suggestions from participants and provision of information on relevant activities, including those related to meeting technical assistance needs (para. 53 (i) and (j) of the Procedures and Rules for the functioning of the mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of UNTOC)

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THANK YOU, MR CHAIR,
DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPANTS AND FELLOWS,

I AM SABRINA MEDEIROS, CURRENTLY A PROFESSOR AT LUSOFONA UNIVERSITY IN LISBON AND RESEARCH COORDINATOR AT THE INTERAGENCY INSTITUTE WHICH IS THINK TANK CONSORTIUM OF RESEARCHERS WHO ARE IN EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS. I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS DIALOGUE AND FOR THE WAYS TO INCLUDE CIVIL SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE THEME.

MY INTERVENTION IS FOCUSED ON THE NECESSARY STIMULUS FOR THE CREATION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION MECHANISMS IN BETWEEN THE PARTIES, WHOSE NORMATIVE INSTRUMENTS ARE CREATED BY BOTH DIPLOMACY AND PARADIPLOMACY EFFORTS. WITHIN THE OBJECTIVES OF OUR THINK TANK WE HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO THE DETECTION OF NETWORKS AND ROUTES OF ILLICIT FROM THE OBSERVATION OF THE COOPERATIVE SECURITY FRAMEWORKS IN PLACE AND THE MANIFESTATION OF ILLICIT ROUTES. THE MAIN OUTPUT WE DRAW FROM THOSE STUDIES IS THAT THE VISIBILITY OF SYSTEMS TO COMBAT ORGANIZED CRIME IN ITS VARIOUS LAYERS MUST BE POSSIBLE AND CONSTANTLY FED.

KNOWING THAT ORGANIZED CRIME NETWORKS MOVE VERY QUICKLY AND THAT THE UNCOORDINATED EFFORTS OF PUBLIC INSTRUMENTS DO NOT REACH SUCH A DIMENSION IN A CONSTANT OR STRATEGIC WAY. OUR BELIEF LIES IN THE IMPORTANCE THAT HAVING THE VISIBILITY OF THE MECHANISMS OF THE VARIOUS INITIATIVES THAT CORRESPOND TO THE INTERESTS OF UNODC, IN OTHER TO COMPREHENSIVE INSTRUMENTS CAN ABSORB SELF-FEEDING BASES ABOUT THE ACTIONS IN THE FIELD. IN THIS WAY, IT IS POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE THE OBSERVATION OF ACTIONS DIRECTED TO THE DYNAMIC WITH CREATES VISIBILITY ALSO ON THE DEMAND FLOWS, AND THEREFORE, ON THE TYPIFICATIONS AND ROUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME.

OUR ADVOCACY IS ON THE VISIBILITY OF INFORMATION IN PERMANENT NETWORK AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE STRUCTURES, IN ADDITION TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. FURTHERMORE, THE COMPLEX OF INFORMATIONS, WHICH INFORMS MUCH ABOUT THE EFFORTS AND ABOUT THE TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME, MUST BE REPEATEDLY FED BY A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER APPROACH AND DIRECTLY.

ANOTHER POINT TO BE OBSERVED IS THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ACADEMY OR NGOs SHOULD NOT BE DONE ONLY THROUGH THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND IN COORDINATION WITH THEM, SINCE TEMPORARY POLITICAL CONDITIONS CAN OFFER CONSTRAINTS IN THIS MATTER TO THE DIFFERENT ACTORS OF SOCIETY. LAST, TECHNICAL COOPERATION, THEREFORE, MUST BE CHARACTERIZED BOTH BY THE ACTIONS THAT NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CAN PROMOTE, BUT ALSO THIS SHOULD CONTEMPLATE RELEVANT SUBREGIONAL AND FEDERATIVE EFFORTS AS WELL AS INDEPENDENT INITIATIVES.

GOOD PRACTICES CAN AND SHOULD EMERGE FROM FIELD ACTIONS THAT ARE REMARKABLY LIMITED IN THEIR OBSERVATION BY NATIONAL CENTRALIZED MECHANISMS. IN ADDITION, EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN LINE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF COMBATING CRIME BY THEIR SOCIAL NATURE, SHOULD ALSO BE UNDERSTOOD AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROCESS PRESENT HERE. IN ADDITION, TECHNICAL SUPPORT ALSO TO LOCALITIES CAN BE DECISIVE TO THE APPLICATION CAPACITY OF THE MATTER.

THUS, OUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES: THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRUCTURED OR INDEPENDENT AND COLLABORATIVE DATABASES THAT CAN RECEIVE EXPERIENCES AND GOOD PRACTICES IN SCENARIOS NOT COMMONLY VISIBLE. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE CONCERN WITH THE CRIMINALIZATION AND EXCESSIVE SECURITIZATION OF INSTRUMENTS THAT MAY HARM, AND NOT HELP, THE AMPLICATION OF UNOTC.