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Meeting of Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Wednesday, 1 March 2017, Vienna International Centre and online

I. Participants

Alliance Members

Ms. Karen Judd Smith, Alliance
Ms. Eleonore Hauer-Rona, International Council of Women
Ms. Birgit Karner, Society of the Advancement of Global Understanding
Mr. Slawomir Redo, Academic Council on the United Nations System
Ms. Sieghinde Jenner, Society for the Advancement of Global Understanding
Mr. Tobias Krachler, Dominicans for Justice and Peace
Ms. Renate Amesbauer: WFP- AUSTRIA
Ms. Martina Gredler, Soroptimist International
Mr. Martin Faber, IPCA
Mr. Kimmett Edgar, Committee for Consultation (Quakers)
Mr. Sheba Michiyo Shibahara, Japanese Cultural Exchange
Mr. Fontaine Joris, CPCJ Alliance
Ms. Ana Vilfan, Alliance
Mr. Douglas Johnston, Religion and Diplomacy (ICRD)
Mr. Frank Stuefen, IPCA
Ms. Anastasia Chalkia, Center for the Stud of Crime
Mr. Michael O'Connell, World Society of Victimology & Commissioner for Victims' Rights
Ms. Birgit Karner, Society for the Advancement of Global Understanding
Ms. Dora Vrdlovec, Soroptimist International

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Ms. Lulua Assad, Education for Justice (E4J) initiative, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC
Mr. Johannes De Hann, Justice Section, UNODC
Ms. Mirella Dummar Frahi, Civil Society Team, UNODC
Mr. Oliver Stolpe, Crime and Economic Branch, UNODC
Ms. Alexandra Fomenko, Civil Society Team, UNODC
Ms. Viktorija Nesterovajte, Civil Society Team, UNODC
Ms. Livia Krings, Secretariat of the Governing Bodies, UNODC
Mr. Billy Batware, Civil Society Team, UNODC

II. Summary of the discussion

The meeting focused on preparing NGOs for the 26th session of the CCPCJ and to exchange ideas about side events members of the Alliance plan. It also touched upon the work of UNODC in the implementation of the Doha Declaration through UNODC Global Programme.

III. Key issues discussed

Ms. Livia Krings, Secretariat of the Governing Bodies, UNODC

Noted that the prominent topic and the thematic discussion of the Commission at its 26th session in May 2017 would be “Comprehensive and integrative crime prevention strategies, public participation, social policies and education and support of the rule of law” and informed that the discussion would be held on Tuesday, 23 May.

Noted that the thematic discussion would be structured in morning and afternoon sessions and that the Regional Groups had been invited to submit nominations for panelists. Stated that there would be a PNI (Institutes of the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network) workshop held in the afternoon of the first day of the Commission, organized by the International Centre for Crime Prevention based in Montreal.

Informed about the application period for side events, namely from 6 March until 24 March. Said that the guidelines are available and could be found online on UNODC [webpage](#) and encouraged NGO representatives to start applying promptly.

Mentioned that it had not yet been decided whether the topic of the thematic discussion would include subthemes.

Encouraged all representatives to participate in the NGO Dialogue organized by the Ambassador of Japan on Monday, 6 March, and use the opportunity to ask questions they may have related to the 26th session of the CCPCJ and the preparations for the 14th Crime Congress.

Noted that the Dialogue would be webcast and suggested that those who would not be present in Vienna participate via Skype.

Mr. Johannes De Hann, Justice Section, UNODC

Mentioned his team’s contribution to the preparations of the guidelines document for thematic discussion at the 26th session of the CCPCJ and informed that the document was not yet finalized.

Stressed the relevance of the topic of public participation, social policies for crime prevention and the role of education mentioned in the Doha Declaration, particularly in Paragraphs 7 (education and the role of youth in crime prevention) and 10 (consultative participatory processes in crime prevention and criminal justice).

Noted that many Member States acknowledged the significance of civil society participation in crime prevention, as well as the importance of public-private partnerships.

Informed that the drafting of the discussion guide for the 26th CCPCJ thematic discussions involved inclusion of thematic framework on Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 16, and recent resolutions related to crime prevention.

Highlighted the importance of addressing urban crime prevention in line with the new Urban Agenda, during the discussions at 26th CCPCJ.

Ms. Lulua Assad, Education for Justice (E4J) Initiative, UNODC:

Informed that the Education for Justice (E4J) team contributed to the discussion guide on the thematic discussion, highlighting the key role of education and literacy as fundamentals for crime prevention.

Further, mentioned that the Doha Declaration reflected Member States commitment to integrate crime prevention, criminal justice and other rule of law aspects into domestic educational systems.

Highlighted the importance of education on justice and rule of law issues for the achievement of sustainable development, as well as for ensuring that crime prevention efforts and policies are transparent and effective.

Stressed the importance of the thematic discussion on education in support of the rule of law, particularly for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Stated that it was important to discuss, during the 26th session of the CCPCJ, the extent to which education on justice could address the challenges facing youth, both as positive agents of change and as being directly and indirectly victims of violence and crime.

Stated that it was essential to further discuss the importance of partnerships between Ministries of Education, NGOs, international organizations, United Nations agencies and other stakeholders to achieve and support the desired impact through education, and to promote a culture of lawfulness.

Mr. Oliver Stolpe, Coordinator for the Global Programme for the implementation of the Doha declaration, UNODC:

Informed that the Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration has a subtitle: “Promoting a culture of lawfulness”.

Referred to the fact that after the 13th Crime Congress, for the first time, it was agreed to advance the implementation of the Doha Declaration through UNODC substantial contributions for Member States, by creating the Global Programme.

Stated that the results of the Programme will be presented at the 14th Crime Congress.

Said that the components of the Programme included the integrity of justice system, prison rehabilitation, youth crime prevention, and education for justice. Stressed that the main goal of the Programme was to drive innovation at the global level in these areas, building on UNODC experience, while integrating new aspects.

Mentioned that the Programme was: 1) building a Global Judicial Integrity Network aimed at facilitating international experience exchange and peer to peer support; 2) looking for opportunities to help market and disseminate products produced in prison in line with relevant human rights standards through the creation of a Global Prison Brand; 3) focusing on youth crime prevention through sports-based life-skill programmes; 4) helping with the development of educational materials in primary and secondary schools as well as in universities in mandate areas of UNODC.

IV. The Counterpart:

Mr. Slawomir Redo, ACUNS

Mentioned the [NGO Doha Declaration](#) and encouraged NGOs to popularize it.

Informed that the World Society of Victimology would hold one of the side events during the 26th Commission. Noted that a number of received proposals from NGOs were looking at public participation aspect in criminal justice and crime prevention.

Informed about the idea of organizing two commemorative events, concerning the Doha Declaration and education for justice, as well as one event on countering social exclusion in schools.

Mr. Michael Platzer (per email)

Informed about seven side events planned: two Victimology (Mike O'Connell), two Femicide (Michael Platzer), one Serious Crime (Rory Field), Global Education (Slawomir Redo) and one Soroptomist. The topics were not yet confirmed.

Martina Greder, Soroptimism/NGO CSW and Ingeborg Geyer, Zonta International

Informed about three side events in preparation: one on corruption in cooperation with the Committee on Sustainable Development; one in cooperation with Soroptimism International Zonta, and IOM; and one on trafficking and education, mainly missing children and women.

Ms. Birgit Karner, Society of the Advancement of Global Understanding

Informed about the side event organized with Airline Ambassadors International and UNODC Columbia, with a focus on education for crime prevention and innovative methods on education, with the subtheme of trafficking of children and women, specifically sex trafficking, and how to avoid it.

Michael O'Connell, World Society of Victimology & Commissioner for Victims' Rights the three side-events (Victims' rights (commemoration for Irene Melup); Victims of Torture (commemoration for Sir Nigel Rodley); and, Victims of Online Communications) was stated via Karen and her tech assistants

Ms. Karen Judd Smith, Co-Chair of the Alliance

Informed that the World Society of Victimology (WSV), ACUNS and partners prepared two proposals for side events: one on the revolution vs. evolution of crime victims' rights, and one on the victims of torture.

V. Follow up actions

Participants were

- informed about and encouraged to start applying for side events using the form available on the UNODC [website](#).
- asked to try organizing joint events, when the topics are similar and relevant, not to lose the audience. Mentioned that when registering the side event, it was important to coordinate efforts by copying ngo.unit@unodc.org in the email, when making the application for side events.
- invited to exchange ideas after the meeting and coordinate the events jointly.
- encouraged to make use of the Alliance web page and Facebook account, as these provide convenience for finding recent information about NGOs, UNODC and Member States.

- inquired to post the topics of their side-events on the Alliance Facebook page.
- notified that paying Alliance members were provided trainings as a part of the membership and that the training information was available online.
- asked to provide information about their NGOs for promotion on the webpage of Alliance.
- invited to register and participate in the Dialogue with the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Kitano on the 6th of March.