

## ECOSOC Management Segment 2025

### SPEAKING NOTES

**H.E. Mr. Jose Antonio Zabalgoitia, Chair of the  
Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice  
at its thirty-fourth session  
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Room C0249C*

#### **SLIDE 1 – Introduction**

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Distinguished Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I greet you from Vienna. It is my great pleasure to update you on the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

#### **SLIDE 2 – CCPCJ 34<sup>th</sup> Regular Session**

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The Commission held its 34<sup>th</sup> Regular Session from 19 to 23 May 2025, with over 1,300 participants, as reflected in detail on the screen.

#### **SLIDE 3 – Resolutions adopted at the 34<sup>th</sup> Session**

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The Commission adopted **seven resolutions** at its 34<sup>th</sup> session. We are proud to inform that all of them were adopted by consensus. Three of them, namely the resolution related to the preparations for the 15<sup>th</sup> Crime Congress; the resolution on the “United Nations Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending”; and the resolution on tackling various forms of crimes that affect the environment, are to be recommended by the Economic and Social Council for adoption by the General Assembly.

The remaining four resolutions: on strengthening international efforts to prevent and combat the smuggling of migrants; on countering the smuggling of commercial goods; on management of prisons and the treatment of offenders; and on advancing crime prevention at all levels, are to be brought to the attention of the Council.

#### **SLIDE 4 – Special event on the UN Crime Congress**

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During the 34<sup>th</sup> session of the CCPCJ, I held a **special event** on the upcoming Fifteenth UN Crime Congress, which highlighted the outcome of the Regional Preparatory Meetings in identifying key regional issues aimed at informing the negotiations for the Abu Dhabi Declaration.

#### **SLIDE 5 – 15<sup>th</sup> Crime Congress – General Information**

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The **Fifteenth United Nations Crime Congress** will be held from 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, with pre-consultations to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April. The Commission decided in May on a number of outstanding modalities for the 15<sup>th</sup> Crime Congress.

#### **SLIDE 6 – Overall agenda of the 15<sup>th</sup> Crime Congress**

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Under its overarching theme, “**Accelerating crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: Protecting people and planet and achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the digital age**”, the Fifteenth Crime Congress aims at addressing topics of key relevance – which are also dealt with under the four agenda items and related workshops, as reflected on the screen.

#### **SLIDE 7 – Preparations for the 15<sup>th</sup> Crime Congress**

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As I said earlier, **Five Regional preparatory Meetings** have been held between January and April 2025 in Bangkok, San Jose, Vienna, Addis Ababa and Marrakesh, with the aim to formulate recommendations for the 15th UN Crime Congress reflecting, inter alia, regional priorities and challenges.

These recommendations should feed into the **negotiations for the Abu Dhabi Declaration**, which will start from September 2025 onwards. An informal brainstorming meeting for Member States was held on 26 June during which delegations were invited to identify key issues as well as to share ideas on how to achieve a “structured, short and concise declaration” as called for in GA resolution 79/186.

### **SLIDE 8 – 2025 Coordination Segment**

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As you may recall, I participated in a panel discussion during the **2025 Coordination Segment** held last February, where I took stock on, inter alia, the outcome of the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the CCPCJ, the 2024 Thematic Discussions and the preparations for the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress.

### **SLIDE 9 – 2025 High-Level Political Forum**

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To conclude, I am pleased to remind the Council that the Commission sent its contribution to the **High-Level Political Forum** in March 2025, highlighting the CCPCJ’s efforts to implement the SDGs under review this year, but also SDG 16, which is at the heart of the Commission’s work.

### **SLIDE 10 – Conclusion**

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I hope you find this information relevant, and I wish you fruitful discussions.