

ECOSOC Management Segment 2022

DRAFT SPEAKING NOTES

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Justice at its thirty-first session

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SLIDE 1 – Introduction

Distinguished representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As Chair of the thirty-first session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, it is my pleasure to brief you on the recent work of the Commission.

SLIDE 2 - 31st session of the Commission

The thirty-first session of the Commission was held from 16 to 20 May 2022, both in person and online through a customized event platform. The session was attended by over **1,300 participants** representing **130 Member States, 7 UN bodies and agencies, 11 intergovernmental organizations and 55 non-governmental organizations**. More than **80 side events** were organized.

SLIDE 3 – Resolutions adopted at the 31st CCPCJ

The Commission adopted **four resolutions**. All these resolutions are set to pursue the 2030 Agenda, as they contain various elements that contribute to the implementation of specific sustainable development goals.

- “Resolution on preventing and combating illicit trafficking in wildlife” contributes to the achievement of various SDGs goal including Goal 14 ‘Life below water’ and Goal 15 ‘Life on land’.
- “Resolution on the follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice” contributes to the achievement of Goal 4 ‘Quality education’, Goal 5 ‘Gender Equality’ and Goal 16 ‘Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions’ among others.
- “Resolution on reducing reoffending” contributes to the achievement of various Goals including Goal 10 ‘Reduced inequality’ and Goal 17 ‘Partnerships for the goals’.
- And finally, “Resolution on protecting children from sexual exploitation and abuse” contributes to the achievement of such Goals as Goal 4 ‘Gender Equality’ and Goal 16 ‘Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions’.

SLIDE 4 – Special Event on the Follow-up of the Kyoto Declaration

On the opening day of the 31st session, I had the honour to hold a high-level **Special Event on “turning the Kyoto Declaration into action on the ground”**. The **Kyoto Declaration** is the outcome document of the Fourteenth United Nations Crime Congress held in March 2021 in Kyoto, Japan. The special event took stock of national initiatives of Member States launched since its adoption.

SLIDE 5 – Thematic Discussion

On the second day, the thematic discussion was held on “strengthening the use of digital evidence in criminal justice and countering cybercrime, including the abuse and exploitation of minors in illegal activities with the use of the Internet”. After having panel discussions, Member States described their endeavor to advance the criminal justice system in order to prevent and address crimes committed through the use of information and communications technology, as well as their efforts to leverage electronic evidence.

SLIDE 6 – Follow-up to the 14th Congress: Thematic discussions on the implementation of the Kyoto Declaration

On the third day, the Commission discussed the follow-up to the 31st Congress. Two key initiatives were introduced among others.

First, the holding of thematic discussions on the implementation of the Kyoto Declaration. According to the Commission's multi-year workplan, yearly **intersessional thematic discussions** are held, where **national experts share their good practices and lessons learned**, on the implementation of the Kyoto Declaration. Last year, we focused on **Pillar I 'Advancing crime prevention'**. In this year's thematic discussion, we will focus on **Pillar II "Advancing the Criminal Justice System"**.

SLIDE 7 – Follow-up to the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: Expert Discussions on Crimes that Affect the Environment

The Second Initiative is the holding of Expert Discussions on Crimes that Affect the Environment. National experts in this field convened the meeting in February this year to share good practices and lessons learned on preventing and combating crimes that affect the environment, and on strengthening international cooperation to address these crimes.

SLIDE 8 – Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council: Review of the Subsidiary Bodies

On the fourth day, the Commission focused on its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council.

The first point we addressed was the Review of the Subsidiary Bodies. The CCPCJ has taken a very active role in this Review along with its sister Commission, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. I would like to thank Ambassador Lachezara Stoeva for her leadership in this exercise.

SLIDE 9 - Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council: Review of the Subsidiary Bodies: HLPF

Second, the Commission has also submitted substantive written input to the 2022 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development on the theme of “Building back better from COVID-19 while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

The CCPCJ has been working strenuously for this purpose throughout the pandemic period, and will continue to do so as we hopefully get into the post-pandemic era.

SLIDE 10 - Conclusion

For further information on the activities of the CCPCJ, you can access all related documents on our websites as you see on the screen.

Thank you very much for your attention.