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Enhancing the contributions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

Recalling its resolution [70/299](#) of 29 July 2016, in which it encouraged coherence of the General Assembly and its Main Committees, the Economic and Social Council, the specialized agencies and the functional commissions of the Council, and other intergovernmental bodies and forums with the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development towards the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Recalling also its resolution [73/183](#) of 17 December 2018, in which it underlined the importance of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in actively contributing to the global follow-up to and supporting the thematic review of progress made in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals relating to its mandate,

Recalling further its resolution [75/290](#) B of 25 June 2021, in which it referred to the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit, held under the auspices of the General Assembly, marking the midpoint of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

Bearing in mind that, in the Kyoto Declaration on Advancing Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law: Towards the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹ the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was invited to engage with other relevant stakeholders in order to strengthen global partnership in advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda,

¹ Resolution [76/181](#), annex.



Underscoring the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as the principal policymaking body of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice,

Noting the important role of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in collecting data and information relating to several indicators under the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 16,

Noting also that, pursuant to its decision 77/553 of 7 March 2023, the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development, to be held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, will review in depth several Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 16,

1. *Recalls* the commitment made by States to contribute to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ² through their efforts in crime prevention and criminal justice, with the firm recognition that sustainable development and the rule of law are interlinked and mutually reinforcing, that crime is an impediment to sustainable development and that achieving sustainable development is an enabling factor for States to effectively prevent and combat crime;

2. *Underlines* the important role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in actively contributing to the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda, within its mandate, and in contributing to the lead-up and follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals Summit held in September 2023;

3. *Welcomes* the thematic discussions on the implementation of the Kyoto Declaration on Advancing Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law: Towards the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, held by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice since 2021, which have also served as forums for discussing progress made in implementing the 2030 Agenda;

4. *Also welcomes* the contribution by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to the 2023 high-level debate of the General Assembly on the theme “Equal access to justice for all: advancing reforms for peaceful, just and inclusive societies”;

5. *Invites* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to continue developing policy and awareness-raising initiatives at the global level on accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 16, on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels;

6. *Recalls* the role of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in reflecting the integrated nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the interlinkages between them, and in this regard invites the Commission, within its mandate, to contribute through its work towards strengthening the capacity of national institutions through international cooperation and technical and material assistance to and training for Member States, especially for the benefit of developing countries, for the balanced and integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

7. *Encourages* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue supporting the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, within its mandate, in activities related to the accelerated implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 16;

² Resolution [70/1](#).

8. *Encourages* Member States to continue raising awareness of the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and its relevance to the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

9. *Also encourages* Member States to accelerate, as appropriate, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through their efforts in crime prevention and criminal justice, including through the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, to be held in 2026;

10. *Recognizes* the fundamental role of effective international cooperation in preventing and combating crime, and to this end underlines the importance of addressing, tackling and effectively responding to international challenges and barriers, in particular measures, that hinder such cooperation, and which are not consistent with the Charter of the United Nations and obligations under international law, and in this regard urges States, consistent with their international obligations, to refrain from applying such measures;

11. *Welcomes* the cooperation of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, within its existing mandate, with other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, and encourages the Commission to further enhance its cooperation with all relevant intergovernmental bodies and forums with a view to advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including in the follow-up to the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit;

12. *Undertakes* to enhance multidisciplinary efforts to prevent and combat crime through cooperation and coordination between law enforcement and other criminal justice institutions, and other governmental sectors, as well as to support their work, by engaging in and fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships with the private sector, civil society, academia and the scientific community, and with other relevant stakeholders as appropriate;

13. *Requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to encourage Member States presenting voluntary national reviews at the high-level political forum on sustainable development to share their experiences, progress made, challenges and impediments in implementing those aspects of the 2030 Agenda that are related to the work of the Commission;

14. *Encourages* Member States to consider including information on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda related to the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, including on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 16, in their voluntary national reviews for consideration by the high-level political forum during its meeting to be held in 2024, and to share relevant information contained in those voluntary national reviews with the Commission during its thirty-third session, in 2024, including in the context of the general debate;

15. *Invites* Member States and relevant United Nations entities, international and regional organizations, the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network and other relevant stakeholders to provide, as appropriate, to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, through its secretariat, for consideration during its thirty-third session, views on how the Commission can contribute to the accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in particular Sustainable Development Goal 16, and requests the Commission to transmit that information along with the outcome of its consideration to the high-level political forum at its meeting in 2024, within existing reporting requirements.