AAA e-NEWS BRIEF — September 2021



New Village Development - 30th Session of the COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, 17 – 21 May 2021, Vienna, Austria, and some NGO side events.

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Summary of Commission proceedings :

Because of the Covid-19 situation the session was held in a hybrid format. As the main policymaking body of the United Nations addressing crime prevention and criminal justice issues, the CCPCJ plays a critical role in advancing collective efforts against national and transnational crime, while strengthening fair and effective criminal justice institutions.

The Opening Session :

A ceremonial opening segment marked the Commission's 30th anniversary, featuring messages from Secretary-General Mr. ANTÓNIO GUTERRES, as well as statements including the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ambassador MUNIR AKRAM, the Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Ms. GHADA WALY



The Secretary-General stressed in his message that the Commission's work has taken new dimensions as the COVID-19 pandemic has left many millions of people more vulnerable to crime, exploitation and violence. Ms. Whaly warned that divergent and unequal recoveries from the pandemic would leave more people behind and leave them at risk.

The Commission adopted 7 resolutions, including such topics as : **1**) Strengthening international cooperation in addressing smuggling of migrants **2**) Implementation of the UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons; **3**) Preventing and combatting crimes that affect the environment; **4**) Reducing reoffending through rehabilitation and reintegration; **5**)Integrating sport into youth crime prevention and criminal justice strategies; **6**) Advancing a criminal justice system reform amidst the CODIC-19 pandemic; Follow-up on the 14th Crime Congress.

The Side Events: The Commission held over 80 side events , including one on New Village Development – To counter involuntary migration and the smuggling of migrants:

The purpose of this event was to demonstrate that a way to counter migration was to create living conditions that made it worthwhile to continue living in the country where you were born.

<u>Ms. Susan Kone</u>, President of WFWP Kenya, said that electrification of the rural households was still a challenge for many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. One of the reasons is that there is not enough water due to lack of enough rain. She explained that the problem could be solved by green energy that can be used in homes and even in schools for the benefit of families and children who still depend on Kerosene and firewood. In Makueni County in Kenya solar bulbs started being installed in homes in 2020 in the villages and in the homes. This initiative was initiated from women's groups. To complement this important debate, please consult the following in AAA Newsbriefs links: <u>http://africanactiononaids.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/AAA-e-Newsbrief-January-2021.pdf / http://africanactiononaids.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/AAA-e-Newsbriefs-January-2021.pdf / http://africanactiononaids.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/AAA-e-Newsbriefs-January-2021.pdf</u>

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