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REPORT

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1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Mr John Brandolino (UNODC) who welcomed the participants and, on behalf of the participants, thanked Director Seto and UNAFEI for hosting the Coordination Meeting.

Mr Mikael Johansson (RWI) chaired the meeting. A list of participants is provided in Annex 1.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was approved as presented (annex 2).

3. Review of the decisions taken at the 2018 Spring Coordination Meeting:

- It was noted that the present meeting is, in line with the decision taken in May 2018, be held at UNAFEI
- The Fourteenth UN Congress Workshops are to be dealt with under agenda item 5 *[separate session to be held on the afternoon of 13 December, with the report to be incorporated in this]*
- The Knowledge Centre is to be dealt with under agenda item 7.
- The role of the PNI in the UN Crime Programme is to be dealt with under agenda item 8.
- It was noted that NAUSS represents the PNI on the ISPAC Board.
- It was noted that RWI and HEUNI continue as coordinators of the PNI.

Mr Johansson asked all the institutes to ensure that their contact details for the PNI mailing list have been updated.

4. Update from network members

Written updates were provided in advance. Participants provided brief oral supplements to the written updates.

[Mikael! I have included the following hasty notes. These are only for your own information; please delete them from the final report!]

Ana Selene Pineda Nelsa (ILANUD) [...]

John Kitembo (UNAFRI) [...]

Rick Brown (AIC) noted that the position of the AIC in Australia has now been consolidated. Multi-system estimation model being developed for assessing trafficking in persons.

Peter German and Joanna Nefs (ICCLR). Cybercrime associate being added; to examine AI software to search for specific content; theoretical models for assessing human rights elements of AI software. Anti-corruption and cryptocurrency.

Phelan Wyrick (NIJ) New round of solicitations being sent out, providing NIJ funding for research (firearms violence, trafficking in persons, terrorism, violence against women, gangs, health care fraud, elder fraud, forensics research). Juvenile justice research and data collection (formerly a separate office) now consolidated organizationally with the NIJ. Crimesolutions.gov website: programmes that have been independently evaluated. Very interested in opportunities to cooperate with PNI institutes; can also help to identify US experts and speakers; can also help to cover travel and other expenses.

Ariane de Palacio (ICPC) two months ago, Director of Research and Programmes changed. Finalization of UN guidelines on Safer Cities (together with Habitat). White Paper on promotion of safer cities. Report on prevention of cybercrime. Cyberviolence and bullying. Report on hate crime to be

launched. Next thematic report on trafficking in persons. Preventing violent extremism among already convicted offenders.

Gary Hill (ISPAC)

Gary Hill (ISIS) ISIS working on interpretation of Sharia law in modern context.

Gary Hill (NAUSS)

In Sup Han (KIC) In June, appointed to three-year term as President of KIC.

Andrea Pölling (BIG) Shift to duty stations imbedded in partner countries, in order to provide more sustainable assistance. To begin work on illegal wildlife trade, from point of view of financial crime and corruption as enablers.

Su Minyue (CCLS) currently several focus areas reflected in the written report: corruption, white collar crime and corporate crime, community corrections (possibility of separate juvenile courts being considered), terrorism; invitation to attend International conference on Global Governance over Corruption and Terrorism, Beijing, 28-29 March 2019

Phiset Sa-ardyen (TIJ) continued emphasis on Bangkok Rules (together with UNODC), promotion of the rule of law (Project J is an experimental reach-out to new stakeholders, such as the private sector and students, to build culture of lawfulness), Second ASEAN conference on crime prevention and criminal justice to be held during 2019, development-led crime prevention and development-led criminal justice

Takeshi Seto (UNAFEI) appointed as new Director. Update: just concluded preparatory meeting for Workshop 2 at the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress

Natalia Ollus (HEUNI) Newsletter is being sent out; please contact HEUNI if you are not on the mailing list. Two reports published during 2018, and two seminars were organized. Work on prison radicalization. Much training given to different partners, for example on trafficking in persons. Report on the links between trafficking in persons and marriage being finalized with UNODC. Online website heuni.education on the UN, open to all. Portfolio of activities includes trafficking in persons, grey economy, violence against women, crime statistics, and radicalization. MoJ undergoing reorganization; this may lead to consolidation of smaller MoJ units. 2019 plans include hate crime research.

Mikael Johansson (RWI). New report on anti-corruption and human rights. 2019: corruption infrastructure and human rights; also interest in wildlife trade and corruption.

John Brandolino (UNODC) Written report available. 90% of budget covered from voluntary funding; 300 million dollars from Colombia to look at peace process and alternative development in Colombia (biggest donor). Reform of development system in the UN being followed: reform designed to increase autonomy of resident coordinators to determine the programmes, and what UN agencies would be present in different countries. Also more coordination among UN agencies to consolidate trust funds, as opposed to the funding going to specific agencies. Process is still at early stage, to continue for six to twelve months.

5. Preparations for the 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Japan

Mr Naoki Sugano (Ministry of Justice, Japan) chaired the separate session on preparations by the PNI for the 14th UN Congress.

Mr Brandolino provided an update on the UNODC Congress preparations. The UN Crime Congresses are the largest gathering in the world that brings together States, intergovernmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines related to crime prevention and criminal justice. A draft resolution outlining the preparations for the Fourteenth UN Congress is currently under discussion at the General Assembly.

The regional preparatory meetings are to be held for Asia and the Pacific (22-25 January 2019, Bangkok), Latin America and the Caribbean (5-7 February 2019, San Diego, Chile), Western Asia (26-28 March 2019, Beirut), and Africa (9-11 April 2019, Addis Ababa). The possibility of a regional preparatory meeting be held in Europe is currently being explored (23-25 April 2019, Athens).

The Congress Discussion Guide is being finalized and translated, and will soon be available on the Congress website.

Kentaro Tanaka (Ministry of Justice, Japan) provided information on the preparations underway in Japan for the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress. The Congress logo has been approved, following an extensive consultative process. The main theme will be related to the interrelationship of Goal 16 (including in particular crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law) and the other Sus-

tainable Development Goals. Mr Tanaka then reviewed the different agenda items and Workshop topics, the related SDGs, and the topics of interest that are expected to arise under each.

Mr Tanaka presented a brief video introducing Kyoto and the Congress venue in Kyoto, the International Congress Centre.

Ms Ariane de Palacio (ICPC) informed the meeting of the preparations for Workshop 1, on “Evidence-based crime prevention: statistics, indicators and evaluation in support of successful practices.” The WS shall consist of three sessions, with two panels in each session.

Ms de Palacio noted that ICPC is an NGO and has no funding available for the organization of the WS for which it is responsible, including for the invitation of external speakers. The ICPC is trying to ensure representativeness of different regions, and of different international efforts, and for this purpose shall be approaching Member States to request funding. The ICPC would appreciate from PNI members identification of speakers among national partners, so that the funding possibilities could be worked out.

Deputy Director Kayo Ishihara (UNAFEI) noted that UNAFEI had just concluded a preparatory meeting for WS 2, on “Reducing reoffending: identifying risks and developing solutions”. The WS is being organized in cooperation with TIJ. The composition of the WS panels has been identified and the preparations are on track. More information shall be provided on 13 December. Each session shall feature one panel, with an additional “joint dialogue” among the panellists from Panels I and II, which would serve as an introduction to Panel III.

Workshop 3, “Multidimensional approaches by Governments to promoting the rule of law [by ...]” is being prepared by UNICRI. Unfortunately, no representative of UNICRI was present at the Coordination Meeting,

Jea Hyen Sung (KIC) informed the meeting of the state of preparations for Workshop 4, “Current crime trends, recent developments and emerging solutions, in particular new technologies as means for and tools against crime.” The WS will deal with six thematic issues, with two issues dealt with in each of the three sessions.

A general comment was made about the need to avoid overloading Workshops with too many topics and to make panellists, to allow more time for discussion. Gary Hill noted that some issues might be more suitably dealt with in separate ancillary meetings.

6. The PNI at the 28th session of the CCPCJ (tentatively 20-24 May 2019)

John Brandolino (UNODC) reported that the Commission Bureau had held a meeting during the preceding week, at which it had confirmed that time shall be allotted for the PNI Workshop, with full interpretation. The theme of the 28th session was approved, and this shall also be the topic of the Workshop: “The responsibility of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems in preventing and countering crime motivated by intolerance or discrimination of any kind”.

Two PNI representatives would report on the outcome of the PNI Workshop to the plenary.

Mr Brandolino also note that Member States themselves shall be organizing panels and noted that these could involve PNI representatives.

Mr Johansson invited PNI representatives to indicate possible interest in organizing the PNI Workshop. In response, tentative expressions of interest in co-organizing or supporting the Workshop were received from the ICCLR, the ICPC, the NIJ and the RWI. It was agreed that they would discuss among themselves the organizational matters. Other PNIs were invited to participate.

Separately, Mr Brandolino noted that PNIs may wish to organize side events at the 28th session of the Commission. The “window of opportunity” for requesting permission from the UNODC to do so was between 25 March and 11 April. Mr Brandolino invited interested PNIs to consider possible consolidation of side events, possibly joining together e.g. with Member States.

Phiset Sa-ardyen (TIJ) noted the possible interest of the TIJ to organize a side event on youth crime prevention through sports, and will be discussing this together for example with the UNODC, in view of the Line Up Live Up programme being funded by the Qatari Foundation.

UNAFEI reported that, in accordance with past practice, UNAFEI shall publish the PNI brochure. UNAFEI shall contact each PNI to request possible revisions and updates of information. UNAFEI will explore the possibility of making the brochure available also in a PDF format.

7. The Knowledge Centre

Gary Hill updated the PNI on the Knowledge Centre and the preparations for the ancillary meetings at the Fourteenth UN Congress. The ancillary meetings are to be organized in cooperation with UNODC, the PNI, ISPAC and the Government of Japan. Some 5,000 participants are expected at the Fourteenth UN Congress. While some 195 ancillary meetings on 75 criminal justice topics were organized at the Thirteenth UN Congress in Doha in 2015, the number of different topics to be covered in Kyoto may increase to some 100.

Mr Hill also noted that, in line with past practice, volunteer interpreters and volunteer criminal justice specialists (the latter to serve as ancillary meeting rapporteurs and justice centre information specialists) were to be recruited for the Kyoto Congress. Persons wishing to serve as a volunteer in Kyoto can sign up through the Knowledge Centre website. If selected, their travel to and accommodation at the Kyoto Congress could be covered.

Mr Hill further reported on preparations for the Exhibition, training at the Kyoto Congress, and the distribution of publications and papers from experts. He noted that the International Criminal Justice Knowledge Centre (www.justiceknowledgecenter.org), which was piloted at the Doha Congress, would once again be made available at the Kyoto Congress. The location of the Knowledge Centre at the Kyoto Congress is expected to be very good, with space for each PNI, and with interns and volunteers to stand in for PNI representatives as needed.

Mr Hill provided a brief demonstration of the computer-based Knowledge Centre, and requested that PNIs provide him with information on events, possible updates to the country profile data base, and the publications database. Since persons contacting the Knowledge Centre in order to request expertise on specific issues would be referred to PNIs (and other entities) that work on the issues in question, the PNIs were asked to update him also on their substantive research, training and other activities.

8. Organisation, coordination and other Issues of the PNI

Under this agenda item, the role of the PNIs in the UN Crime Programme was discussed.

John Brandolino (UNAFEI) introduced the topic. The UNODC public advocacy office has prepared short messages regarding the PNIS, for circulation on social media through Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. The UNODC shall contact PNIs so that they could amplify the messages through own social media contacts. In response to a question, he noted that the office could, on a selective basis, retweet PNI news. Interested PNIs should contact Helene Spitzer, with a copy to John Brandolino.

Currently, the UNODC website information on PNIs is brief and not readily accessible. The page shall be rewritten and expanded, and it shall be made more user-friendly, with a possible link directly from the UNODC home page.

Arrangements are also underway to prepare a “Web Story” on the present meeting to be published on the UNODC website; similar “Web Stories” are released about twice a week.

In the discussion, it was noted that various stakeholders need to be provided with information on what the PNI is, and on how it contributes to the UN Crime Programme. These stakeholders range from elements of the UN system itself, to Member States and others. Various suggestions were made for how the visibility of the PNIs could be increased in the UN Crime Programme. These included:

- each PNI should consider exploring with the UNODC the possibility of providing substantive support and advice to the UNODC
- each PNI should consider exploring with the UNODC the possibility of concrete cooperation on projects and research
- each PNI should work through national delegations to increase their visibility; several host Member States do refer to the work of their respective PNI in their national statements
- the consolidated PNI statement at the Commission could be made more action-oriented, providing examples of how the PNIs contribute to the implementation of mandates given by the Commission
- each PNI could consider giving individual PNI statements in line with the above. Such statements could be given not only at sessions of the Commission, but also in the upcoming regional preparatory meetings and at the Kyoto Congress itself
- the PNIs together and individually should seek to include in draft resolutions, as appropriate, standard language on inviting not only the UNODC but also the “United Nations Programme Network of Institutes to conduct activities envisaged in the draft resolution in question
- the possibility of a PNI should be explored (in view of the fact that the UNODC is a PNI member, the possibility could be explored of a stylized joint UNODC/PNI logo)
- the possibility of a PNI Twitter account, Facebook account, and/or LinkedIn account should be explored

Several speakers emphasized the value of the PNI coordination meetings in providing an opportunity to identify areas in which individual PNIs could work together. Such opportunities could be extended for example by establishing a joint PNI Facebook page, and/or through such websites as www.GoToMeeting.com or www.Teamwork.com .

It was also noted that individual PNIs could explore joint funding opportunities, for example from such major donors as the European Commission.

It was agreed that this discussion on the general issue of PNI cooperation and the raising of the PNI profile shall be continued at the next PNI coordination meeting.

9. Time and place of the 2019 spring coordination meeting

The 2019 spring PNI coordination meeting would tentatively be held in connection with the 28th session of the UN Crime Commission in Vienna, on Tuesday, 21 May at 13:30.

10. Other issues.

No other issues were raised.

11. Decisions and recommendations from the meeting

- Mr Johansson asked all the institutes to ensure that their contact details for the PNI mailing list have been updated.

Congress preparations

- Contact www.un-congress.org or e-mail Gary Hill regarding interest of PNIs regarding the ancillary meetings and related activities at the Kyoto Congress, and demonstration of the Knowledge Centre at the Kyoto Congress
- PNIs interested in participating in specific Workshops at the Kyoto Congress were invited to contact the responsible PNI.

The 28th session of the CCPCJ

- PNI shall explore the organisation of the workshop on the theme of the thematic discussion, and will advise the UNODC on the outcome of discussions to be held, tentatively, among ICCLR, ICPC, NIJ, RWI and other potentially interested PNIs.

- PNI members may explore participation in panels organized by Member States on thematic discussions.
- The PNI brochure will be published by UNAFEI. UNAFEI will soon contact each PNI for revisions and updates of information obtained in brochure
- PNIs interested in holding a side event at the 28th session were advised to contact the UNODC between 25 March and 11 April 2019. Such PNIs were advised to consider the possibility of consolidating planned side events, possibly together with e.g. Member States.

Knowledge centre

- PNIs were invited to provide Gary Hill on updates to be included in different elements of the Knowledge Centre (www.justiceknowledgecenter.org)
- PNIs were invited to consider spreading information regarding the possibility of serving as volunteers at Kyoto Congress.

Role of the PNIs in the UN Crime Programme

- the UNODC shall contact the PNIs regarding UNODC public advocacy office messages, for further circulation through their own social media contacts
- interested PNIs were invited to send, on a selective basis, information on projects and other activities to the UNODC public advocacy office (to: Helene Spitzer, cc John Brandolino)
- interested PNIs were invited to continue to explore possible synergies among themselves and the UNODC on projects and other activities
- a variety of actions for raising the PNI profile are to be explored, with a continued discussion at the next PNI coordination meeting in May 2019 (working through national delegations, working on template language in draft resolutions, more PNI statements at the Commission plenary, a more action-oriented consolidated PNI statement, statements at regional prep meetings, a PNI logo, a PNI Twitter account, Facebook account, LinkedIn account, a Facebook page for exchanging ideas, possible use of the GoToMeeting or Teamwork websites, exploration of joint PNI funding opportunities.

9. Time and place of the next coordination meeting

The next PNI coordination meeting shall be held during the 28th session of the CCPCJ (tentatively Tuesday, 21 May 2019 at 13:30).