



## **Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**

### **International Cooperation in Criminal Matters**

**Twenty-third session, 12-16<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Mr. Jorge, the President of OFAP, attended the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on 12-16<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 in Vienna.

As usual, the conference is divided into two parts simultaneously. The main hall starts with the election of officers, adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters in the opening session. It is then moved on to strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions with workshop on “International cooperation in criminal matters”.

Upon adopting the draft resolution, the states member held thematic discussion on international cooperation in criminal matters:

Taking stock of lessons learned and challenges faced

- a) Specific modalities of international cooperation in criminal matters
  - (i) Extradition and mutual legal assistance
  - (ii) International cooperation for the purposes of confiscation
  - (iii) Use of other forms of international cooperation in criminal matters
- b) How to manage international cooperation in multiple legal proceedings where the same individual is involved
- c) Implementing international crime instruments containing provisions on international cooperation in criminal matters
- d) Learning from experiences at the regional level
- e) International cooperation in combating new and emerging forms of crime
- f) Provision of technical assistance
- g) Addressing the gaps – the way forward

Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, the follow points were discussed:

- a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and Protocols thereto
- b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption
- c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism
- d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters
- e) Other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network

The main hall is rounded up with the follow up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as well as the adoption of the report of the commission on its 23<sup>rd</sup> session.

On the other side, Mr. Jorge has attended the Special Event: Creating Peaceful, Non-Violent and Inclusive Societies: “Justice and Security in the Post 2015 Agenda”, organized by UNODC and ACUNS.

Also organized by the UNODC HIV/AIDS Section and OHCHR, Human Rights and HIV in Prison, focus on human rights related issues and best practices. PRI’s Executive Director, Alison Hannah spoke at the event about PRI’s programme to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and TB in two women’s prisons in Kazakhstan. This two-year EU-funded project ran from December 2010 until December 2012. Among other results, tests showed that the number of women contracting HIV in Karaganda prison fell from 24 in the first half of 2011 to zero in 2012.

Organized by ACUNS, Femicide and Safer Cities was chaired by H.E. Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand. Women and girls face violence not only in their homes, but also in public areas due to poor urban design, management of public spaces and policy community. Violence and aggression inhibit women and girls from moving around the city because they feel unsafe. They are raped, mutilated and murdered. UN-HABITAT has developed the Women’s Safety Audit as a tool that enables the critical evaluation of the urban environment and that focus on the local level by engaging government support and involving key decision-makers. This tool to prevent femicide and violence against women has been developed by experts from numerous countries.



Thailand chairing



f Organ Removal

In “Human Trafficking for the Purpose of Organ Removal”, chaired by Dr. Michael Platzer, ACUNS Vienna Liaison Officer, as well as OFAP’s member, focus on the nature and prevalence of this crime, existing national and international legal frameworks which seek to address it and the importance and efficiency of current international and regional instruments which prohibit and sanction this crime.