

Report

30th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

17th-21st May, 2021



As the covid pandemic continue, OFAP can only attend the conference through online participation. The Chair of the Commission opened the session.

In the meeting, Mexico expressed regret that only members present in the room had been able to vote and online votes are not counted. Of the 40 members of the Commission, 30 made their efforts to be present and participated in the election, the officers of the Commission at its thirtieth session were elected. Alessandro Cortese (Italy) becomes the Chair. A number of speakers referred to the enduring value of international instruments, including the UNTOC and its Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, and recognized that they constituted an important framework to combat the smuggling. They also mentioned about the need in using existing regional process to efficiently combat the crime.

The Covid actually affected migration flows, which increased the chance of migrant smuggling activities, specially to those vulnerable, including women and children, to dangerous and violent forms of smuggling. Numerous speakers stressed that the need to address the root causes driving migration is more important.