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# Report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on International cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption

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# 1 Executive Summary

The Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice met from 24 November 2024 to 26 November 2024, and we are thrilled to present our final report on the topic of International Collaboration in Combating Transnational Organized Crime. The following report includes a large number of different topics ranging from prison system infrastructure to technology for crime prevention, all of which the body feels are urgent matters for a larger commission to discuss in regards to combating organized crime and corruption. We recommend this report for immediate adoption by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

The first chapter of this report includes one resolution and multiple other proposed recommendations made by the body for the Economic and Social Council to take into consideration.

The Commission also proposed Resolution 2.1, which addresses the increasing complexity of transnational cybercrimes and highlights the dual role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as both a tool for combating cybercrime and potential risk if misused by bad actors. It recommends strengthening regional partnerships for cybersecurity through utilizing machine learning programs, integrating AI technologies into frameworks to combat terrorism funded by crypto-currency by expanding into fraud detection and prevention, and aligning AI use with sustainable practices by encouraging Member States to advocate for the use of sustainable energy in conjunction with AI development.

The body proposed recommendations regarding United Nations plans and programs of action relating to sovereignty and its implications, corruption within the lower levels of governments and courts and the need for international cooperation in identifying the root of the many branches of trafficking and combating it at its ends.

The report also recommends the creation of specialized task forces for combating crime as well as the expansion of existing ones and the implementation of sustainable frameworks to reduce trafficking in drugs, weapons, humans, wildlife and artifacts. Additionally, the Commission advocates for education programs for capacity building in developing nations ensuring a comprehensive approach to crime prevention and justice reform.

The second chapter of the report delves into the key deliberations that informed the body's judgments and recommendations. These discussions emphasized the balance between upholding national sovereignty and recommending international action, the impact of climate change on AI and technology for transnational crime prevention and the trade-offs between rehabilitative and punitive approaches to incarceration. Additionally, the body considered the role of international courts such as the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) as well as the benefits of an optional international database for collaboration. While not all of these topics were included in the final resolutions or recommendations, they were acknowledged as requiring further discussion.

# 36 2 Matters calling for action

#### 2.1 Resolution II/1

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Acknowledging the escalating complexity and frequency of transnational cyber crimes, including fraud, crypto-currency related terrorism financing and data breaches,

Recognizing the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a transformative tool for detecting, preventing, and responding to cyber crime,

Noting the need to balance technological advancement with sustainability goals to align Al deployment with development strategies,

Alarmed by the urgency for robust governance mechanisms to prevent potential abuses of Al in cybersecurity from bad actors,

- 1. The promotion of regional cybersecurity alliances through:
  - (a) The promotion of regional cybersecurity alliances through;
  - (i) The encouragement the development of region-specific strategies that address unique cybercrime challenges faced by Member States;
  - (ii) The establishment of or the reinforcement of regional networks for intelligence sharing, capacity building and coordinated responses to cyber threats;
  - (iii) Allocating financial resources to support joint cybersecurity initiatives, including research and training programs;
- 2. Encourages Member States to leverage AI technologies in addressing climate concerns while minimizing environmental impact, with a focus on sustainable computing practices such as:
- (a) Advocating for energy-efficient data servers, including the transition to low-carbon computing infrastructure;
- (b) Supporting the use of renewable energy to power facilities and incentivizing carbon offset initiatives for both private and public large scale server farms;
- (c) Establishing a body of experts within the United Nations High-level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) aimed at assisting States in their cyber security concerns and needs;
- 3. Encouraging Member States to promote funding from all public and private sources to meet the 2023 UN Summit efforts for the accumulation of the projected \$1.3 trillion US dollars in climate finance by 2035, aimed at integration of future renewable energy resources:
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- (b) Recognizing the national security risk posed by the increasing rate of natural disasters, addressing the harms and existentialism presented by the threat of climate change particularly in rural areas most affected by transnational crime;
- (c) Emphasizing the extent to which poverty in the Global South is driven by increased global warming, especially as it pertains to the increase in transnational organized crime, as these organizations often serve to bridge the gap carved out by the increase in natural disasters;
- 4. Encourages Member States to integrate advanced machine learning programs into regional cybersecurity frameworks, with a focus on:
  - (a) Detecting and preventing fraud through;
  - (i) Facilitating public-private partnerships to deploy machine learning tools which analyze anomalies in transactional data;
  - (b) Addressing cryptocurrency-related terrorism financing by;

- (i) Promoting the exchange of technical expertise among Member States to enhance the capacity for identifying and disrupting terrorist financing through decentralized digital currencies;
  - (ii) Implementing AI-based blockchain analysis systems which utilize pattern recognition in tracing cryptocurrency usage related to illicit activities;
  - (c) Verification of quality through;
  - (i) Encouraging the increased use and development of pattern recognition technology to reduce the margin of error within relevant technology;
  - (ii) Promoting voluntary submission of qualitative reports on the performance of AI technology;
  - 5. Calling upon Member States to acknowledge and support the sovereignty of individuals nations' development and use of AI technologies.

#### 2.2 Corruption within Lower - Levels of Governments and Courts

The body recommends that the Economic and Social Council evaluate the ways in which law enforcement officers and judicial officials are kept accountable; we encourage the Economic and Social Council to draft a framework that would increase transparency on bribery among officers. This is in order to address the corruption at lower levels of government which remains a persistent challenge in many countries, undermining public trust and hindering effective governance due to this form of corruption often involving the misuse of power positions by local officials.

#### 2.3 International Cooperation

The body calls for the implementation of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTER-POL) database which stores information to assist in combating organized crime which is accessible to all national and subnational law enforcement agencies Austria calls for increased cooperation between INTERPOL and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The Commission also recommends the creation of a Transnational Crime Task Force within UN-ODC, including representatives from various States to help aid in intelligence sharing and joint operations against organized crime. This task force would help set laws to prevent smuggling from country to country. This task force will be focused on certain regions to effectively combat transnational crime while also protecting the sovereignty of collaborative nations.

The body calls for the strengthening of current courts to effectively administer justice and combat transnational crime that would operate on a region-wide basis. With the use of the CJEU to help create and organize these new organizations until they are able to fully function without the help of the CJEU.

The Commission recommends cooperation between Member States in order to improve the justice system and law enforcement cooperation with international organizations such as the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), to provide support to developing states in improving their justice systems and law enforcement.

The body calls for work with international organizations, such as the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, to combat the rise of terrorist transnational advocacy groups such as Al Qaeda and ISIS.

The Commission further recommends increased manpower, as well as more frequent utilization of INTERPOL internationally and European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (EUROPOL) as well as others regionally, to help coordinate and provide a forum for ideas to combat international crimes. Also, for the increase in manpower and funding especially for UNODC as it is a great, yet very, underfunded organization.

The body endorses the use of international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to help supplement these recommendations. The cooperating NGOs (such as the UNDCP, IMO, and the United

Nations Asia and Far East Institute) can provide consulting commissions as well as community service agents depending on the preferences of individual countries. NGOs should act as a third party agent in the Member States. Measures should be taken to ensure transparency and accountability for their activities, such as government's checks and balances and occasional activity reports.

The body recommends an expansion of the United Nations Convention on Organized Crime Treaty to include definitions of individual, organized and state-sponsored cybercrime and state-sponsored migrant trafficking.

The Commission recommends the strengthening of international cooperation to combat transnational crime and terrorism, emphasizing the importance of enhancing law enforcement and justice systems through collaboration with international organizations, as well as regional cooperation to address issues such as human trafficking and piracy.

#### 2.4 Drugs, Humans and Weapons - Transnational Trafficking

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#### 2.5 Wildlife - Transnational Trafficking

 The body recommends Member States move to identify and dismantle illegal breeding operations meant for international distribution within the means of their domestic systems. As well as the acknowledgement of the smuggling and illegal trade of endangered species across international borders. Additionally, the body recommends the strengthening of the existing international framework addressing the illegal trade of endangered animals.

The body recommends further engagement with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES). The body would specifically like to recommend actions be taken to strengthen the administrative capabilities of CITES.

The body recommends increased data collection, including the creation of a list of Member States with the most heavily trafficked animals for easier recognition of animals that are commonly trafficked for the black market pet trade. The body endorses an expansion of the framework to discern between legal trade with errors or lost documents and true illegal animal trade operations.

The body supports capacity building within weaker wildlife protection agencies and advocates for stricter international regulations to combat illegal trade with animal and plant products sourced through poaching.

### 2.6 Resources - Transnational Trafficking

The body recommends Member States enforce stricter measures and increased policing of the illegal harvesting and extraction of resources within the boundaries of their borders to the best of their abilities. This will incentivize the increased monitoring of resource extraction within members to the best of their abilities. The body recommends a classification system to quantify orders of suspicion on frequently smuggled resources. Attention is to be paid to the connection between smuggled resources and their country of origin. The body recommends the international cooperation of Member States to address the bunkering of international oil pipelines.

# 2.7 Artifacts - Transnational Trafficking

The body recommends Member States institute local policies and to work with international agencies to the best of their abilities to stop the looting of artifacts, their removal from the origin country and their use to fund criminal and terrorist activity.

For the prevention of terrorism, the body encourages the Economic and Social Council support of initiatives that investigate the origins of recently obtained artifacts. To ensure that they have not been obtained through illegal means and have not been used to fund criminal or terrorist organizations. Further, the body recommends that the Economic and Social Council establish a precedent for member states. This is to move towards returning recently obtained artifacts to their countries of origin. If traffickers and transnational criminal organizations have been identified to have been their sources, with the protection of artifacts under state sovereignty.

#### 2.8 Educational Programs

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice recommends that the Economic and Social Council further consider outreach to children as a method of crime prevention by increasing access to education, considering that increased access to education would reduce recruitment of children at a young age from falling victim to recruitment of criminal networks, instead providing alternative activities and professions.

The Commission suggests that these educational programmes include access to mentors, extracurricular activities, quality curriculum, and vocational and professional training, along with the adoption of shelters, or the opportunity to stay in schools past operational hours, in order to assure children are at a decreased risk of joining criminal organizations.

The programs which the Commission believes are important for the Economic and Social Council to address are those supporting individuals at risk, including counseling and emergency services.

The Commission also believes that it would be in the interest of the Economic and Social Council to provide children with access to a steady and reliable source of food within educational systems.

The Commission further recommends reducing recidivism in individuals under the age of twenty-five that have already committed an offense through educational programs and forgiveness of offenses upon completion.

The Commission additionally believes that the Economic and Social Council supports global nonprofits raising money for developing countries in the adoption of educational initiatives, though donations from other organizations or countries, outside of the already existing global nonprofits, should also be considered.

The Commission further suggests the adoption of programs designed with the intention of addressing human trafficking and youth corruption, including the need to strengthen community networks and law enforcement operations.

#### 3 Consideration of the status

#### 3.1 Climate Change

The delegation from Canada raised concerns for the energy usage and costs of Al. The delegation from China responded to this concern by explaining the non-intensive costs of particular Al.

Then, Libya brought up concerns for the lack of genuine connection between the climate clause and its link to the topic of transnational organized crime.

#### 3.2 Machine Learning Programs

The body was split into two blocs during unmoderated caucus. One bloc, consisting of the delegations from Cuba, Austria, Qatar, Brazil, Armenia, the United Kingdom and Canada, led by the delegations: Belarus, China and Pakistan. The Bloc discussed the creation of a resolution aimed at implementation of artificial intelligence under the topic on International cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption.

First, the delegation from Pakistan addressed instances of AI use in corruption. The delegation from the United States of America looked favorably upon this sentiment and expressed support for the usage of AI in certain instances. Then, the delegation from China clarified that the focus of the resolution would be the utility of AI in cyber security.

Then, the delegation from the United States of America agreed with outlining the specifics of what areas AI would be used in. This was affirmed by the delegation from Bulgaria who supported specification of the concerned language.

Then, the delegation from Pakistan explained that AI was particularly useful in the realm of pattern recognition suggesting AI audits in financial records. This received support from the delegation from China who agreed with application of AI in monetary systems and coordinated attacks.

Then, the delegation from Pakistan established the urgency of the issue detailing how five years would result in AI in the hands of governmental bad actors.

Then, the delegation from Armenia suggested clauses for usage in education. This was supported by the delegation from Bulgaria. Then, the delegation from Madagascar suggested utilizing text to speech AI technology.

Then, the delegation from China and Pakistan explained the analytical and learning capacity of Al. Then, the delegation from Pakistan raised concerns of Al server racks, particularly overconsumption. They then advocated for the utilization of Learning Language Model (LLM) type Al.

Then, the delegation from Cuba raised concerns for a backup system in the event the technology crashes. The delegation from the United States of America responded to this concern by stating that Member States would implement, but not rely on the technology. This sentiment was echoed by the delegation from Pakistan who detailed the customization abilities of AI.

Then, the delegation from China expressed concerns for the United States of America to house servers for Al. The delegation from the United States of America responded to this concern affirming that the United States of America likely would not agree. This sentiment was echoed by the delegation from Pakistan who expressed unaddressed financial concerns. Then, the delegation from China responded to this concern, providing that the high costs of different technology could be traded off with the proposed centers for Al.

Then, the delegation from Pakistan suggested historically successful Chinese cloud servers as a solution to the storage issue. They furthered by establishing the need to address crypto trading concerns and integration of machine learning programs to mitigate fraud.

Then, Finland brought up a point to amend points two and three. Following, China brought up that these clauses are productive and would be beneficial to anyone who is in favor of enacting it. Then, Guatemala brought up how AI is wrong twenty percent of the time and asked for any response in clarification about this statistic.

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Next, Pakistan explained that this technology is going to keep evolving rapidly over time and even with concerns about inaccuracy the kinks will work out the sooner this resolution is passed. By preventing cases of nations asking for help it will allow for sovereignty even further.

Then, Finland brought up how, yes, these technologies are still in the working process, however, the sooner we enact the usage of it the faster the process will happen with working out global diplomacy.

#### 3.3 Regional Partnerships

The delegation from Madagascar questioned if there were specific AI services in mind for the resolution. The delegations from China and Pakistan responded that services could be both purchased or developed by nations.

Then, the delegation from the United States of America urged the bloc to focus on the goal of cyber security and infrastructure. This sentiment was echoed by the delegation from Pakistan who suggested enhanced regional partnerships.

Then, the delegation from China expressed the concern for timeframe and preventative care. This sentiment was echoed by the delegations from Pakistan and Belarus.

Then, the delegation from Canada suggested an expert sharing program for underdeveloped nations.

Then, The United Kingdom brought up their troubled perspective of not having financial capabilities, and Questioned what funding there would be and where it is coming from. They also denied helpful regional alliances.

Then, Pakistan started to express that regional alliances can very much be successful, but it is especially important to consider what nations are cooperating with each other.

Following, The United Kingdom brought up a point to amend the clause about sovereignty since this has caused problems on the global stage in the past.

Next, Finland added that this is all about communication between different States. They brought up working together with regional allies further and do not see the problem with enacting the resolution.

Next, the United Kingdom asked about how AI technology will be widely used globally due to the fact that some States don't even have the funds for a general power grid.

Next, China responded saying that not all countries will be able to enact it but can further reach out for technological support, and that it is important to start using these methods before people who are dangerous receive the technology and emit more transnational crime and corruption.

Then, Brazil asked if there will be any way to regulate the protection of each nation's data in terms of transnational crime.

#### 3.4 Corruption

The body scattered into various blocs. One bloc, consisting of the delegates from Brazil, Cuba, Egypt and Guatemala, led by the delegate from Bulgaria discussed their upcoming actions to present their topic draft of suggestions to the dais.

First, the delegation from Bulgaria and Egypt discussed the removal of the cyber task force sub section from section 2.2 of a proposed draft resolution.

Then, the delegation from Guatemala presented section 2.5, aimed at corruption of youth, to the bloc. They received mainly positive feedback with suggestions for reformatting.

Then, the delegation from Czechia approached the bloc to suggest enhanced cooperation with the delegation from Ghana. Then, the delegation from Ghana approached the bloc.

Then, the delegation from Brazil explained the values of their draft of recommendations to the delegation from Ghana. They received a favorable response from the delegation from Ghana.

Then, the delegation from Bulgaria suggested that the draft did not need to be cooperative with the delegation from Ghana. This received mixed responses from the bloc. There were positive responses from the delegations from Brazil and Egypt. The bloc ultimately decided it would stay uncollaborative with the delegation from Ghana and the rest of the body.

Then, the delegation from Czechia noted an issue with the Interpol section of the draft. This received negative reactions from the delegations from Egypt and Brazil who were concerned with constantly changing the draft document.

Then, the delegation from Brazil decided to submit section 2.2 of their draft as a resolution.

Then, the delegation from Czechia shifted the conversation to reforming section 2.2 of the draft. They suggested that there were already standards for humanitarian aid, and instead the section should be written to uphold and reiterate existing standards. They received support from the entire bloc for this change.

China brought up the United Nations Convention against Corruption. They state that the purview of that document and this committee have overlap, and are wondering if the authors of the working report would be amenable to modifying language within the report.

Ghana spoke about anti-corruption stating that if border officers are willing to take bribes, the number of them doesn't matter. They feel that corruption is a significant issue. Brazil then called attention to section 2.1.

Cuba shifted the topic to criminal justice. They wondered if the humanitarian route is the correct choice for them regarding prisons and rights for prisoners. Bulgaria responded and questioned Cuba's viewpoints regarding rights for prisoners. Czechia then pointed out the United Nations' prior documentation on prisoners' rights and stated that we can implement it.

Czechia supported Pakistan's concerns and agreed that amendments to strengthen anti-corruption measures were necessary. They emphasized that addressing law enforcement corruption would bolster international efforts to curb trafficking and related crimes.

#### 3.5 International Cooperation

 The body entered a consultative session under topic 2, moderated by the delegation of Bulgaria. They provided that the main focus of discussion would be their suggestions under their presented report. They began by directing attention to section 2.3, concerned with international cooperation through NGOs.

Then, the delegation from Brazil motioned for a point of inquiry raising concerns about alternative wording for the report, which suggested tones of being a resolution. The delegation from Bulgaria responded by outlining the alternative creation of the database for clarity.

Then, the delegation from Finland motioned for a point of inquiry questioning the benefit of creating Bulgaria's suggested database instead offering INTERPOL databases as an alternative. This sentiment was echoed by the delegations from Czechia and Cuba.

Then, the delegation from Cuba expanded upon these ideas presenting concerns of needlessly creating more international courts. This sentiment was echoed by the delegation from Pakistan who worried that additional international courts would take power from current international courts and remove their focus.

Then, the delegation from Brazil posed extensions in regards to the extent NGOs support their work. They received a point of inquiry from the delegation Cuba who questioned the type of extensions the delegation from Brazil suggested. The delegation from Brazil responded that there could be more specific examples as to how NGOs could play a better role in implementation. They received a second point of inquiry from Czechia who questioned the success of IGOs as opposed to NGOs. The delegation from Brazil responded that both should be used. They received a third point of inquiry from the delegation from the United Kingdom who reminded the delegation of Brazil of their own corrupt NGOs raising the higher question of what advocates for the report considered of the qualifications of potential NGO's. The delegation from Brazil responded that while there were corrupt NGOs, they strongly urged the body to consider their usefulness in enhancing the lives of many people.

Then, the delegation from Czechia clarified the inception of IGOs. Having been created when countries work together, and they stated that they were less susceptible than NGOs. They received a point of inquiry from the delegation from Ghana questioning if both could be used and suggesting a possible group centered on IGOs. The delegation from Czechia responded that due to the nature of IGOs being inter-governmental, they had more trust. They suggested that there should not be many NGOs working on governmental issues. They received a second point of inquiry from Austria who questioned the harms of misuse and inaccessibility. The delegation from Czechia responded that it was up to each country whether or not they decided to implement IGOs as they were a suggestion.

Then, the delegation from Japan described that the aforementioned section was blatantly targeted towards the United Kingdom expressing their disapproval. They reminded the body to focus on unbiased resolutions.

Then, the delegation from the United Kingdom thanked the delegation from Japan for their concerns, outlining their own concerns for organizational training of United Nations officials. They looked unfavorably upon the solvency of artifact retrieval describing its illegality within their own state. They received a point of inquiry from the delegation of Bulgaria questioning whether the United Kingdom intended for the section to be removed or changed. The delegation from the United Kingdom responded that it was up to what the body agreed allowing for edits.

Then, the delegation from Brazil stated that the section on artifacts in its entirety slightly veered off topic, and should be removed due to its irrelevancy. This sentiment was echoed by the delegations from Japan and Finland.

Then, the delegation from Cuba motioned for a point of information questioning what types of technology would be used to tackle the prison systems. This was unaddressed.

Then, the delegation from Canada questioned how states would agree to the creation of additional international courts without impeding on international sovereignty. They suggested the expansion of existing courts.

Then, the delegation from Czechia stated that as the author of section 2.4, the purpose was to focus on modern illegal trading of historical artifacts which were illegally smuggled and used to fund terrorists from their countries of origin. They reminded the body that the intention of the section was not to regain stolen artifacts from any state.

Then, the delegation from South Africa motioned for a point of information questioning how to fix the issues lesser developed countries face such as: limited resources, outdated infrastructure and unequal access in prison population. Then, the delegation from Brazil responded that the suggestion included regional groups to encourage help from first world countries. They received a second point of inquiry from the delegation from South Africa questioning how African countries would be aided and included. The delegation from Brazil responded that they aimed to receive global efforts from countries that could provide it. They received a third point of inquiry from the delegation from the United Kingdom questioning what "more developed nations" insinuated as well as whether payments would be investments or bankrolling. The delegation from Brazil responded that there were no specific nations in mind as well as leaving payment from loans or bankrolling up to discussion. The delegation from Bulgaria furthered that revisions could be made in unmoderated caucus.

Finally, the delegation from Pakistan noted the title of section 2.4 being "strong prosecution" with its clauses raising concerns for national security and sovereignty. They concluded by advocating for the removal of the section in its entirety.

Pakistan asked a question regarding the second point of working report RR. They had no issues with this but wanted to change language into a more specific forum of nations. They felt the wording may be too loose. They also felt that the section about a cyber crime task force is good but need more information about this topic.

The delegation of the United Kingdom is concerned with sovereignty. They restated their concerns about international cooperation between prison systems that are vastly different. They also brought up a point about the working report holding demands rather than suggestions. Lastly, they had concerns about the lack of a section about border security within the report.

The delegation of Brazil spoke next discussing sections 2.1 through 2.4. They wanted to clarify that the section wording is not official, but more of a guideline used to create the future report.

The United Kingdom spoke again and was concerned with the security of Member States if the committee doesn't speak enough about weapon restrictions. They asked that nations put out statements about criminalizing untraceable gun production as it increases illegal weapons sales and law enforcement measures.

Austria spoke next, worrying about data security. Brazil responded by saying that all data will be of a non-sensitive nature and that data security will not be a risk. Everything will be secure.

The Delegation of the United Kingdom raised a question about the prior agreement that the CJE would work in tandem with other criminal organizations. They emphasized that such cooperation could strengthen international judicial systems, which is critical for dismantling organized crime syndicates and addressing the root causes of corruption.

The delegation of Belarus opposed including the (CJEU) in the resolution, arguing that its jurisdiction as an European Union body made collaboration with the United Nations impractical. They warned that such proposals could complicate efforts to combat trafficking and corruption as the legal frameworks were incompatible.

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The Delegation of Ghana clarified that the EU judicial body was independent and could serve beyond the EU's scope. However, multiple EU Member States supported removing references to the CJEU from the resolution to avoid jurisdictional conflicts.

Following these discussions, Czechia decided to remove references to the CJEU from the document. They highlighted the importance of focusing on universally agreeable measures such as tackling corruption and improving international cooperation to combat transnational crime.

The Delegation of Indonesia called for stricter punishments and laws to deter traffickers but requested more detailed provisions. They tied their suggestions to the need for a strong international framework to hold perpetrators accountable and reduce the global prevalence of trafficking.

Czechia supported this view noting that penalties should remain within the jurisdiction of individual states or international organizations like the International Court of Justice (ICJ). They stressed that focusing on prison reform and rehabilitation could help address corruption and improve the treatment of those involved in trafficking networks.

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Indonesia, while respecting other delegations' perspectives, reiterated their desire for clearer language about punishments to deter traffickers and reduce corruption in judicial systems.

Czechia acknowledged the need for a balanced approach pointing out that not all nations agreed on retributive justice. They emphasized prison reform as a way to rehabilitate traffickers and reduce recidivism, thereby, weakening the networks behind transnational crime.

The Delegation of Cuba aligned partially with Indonesia's stance on stricter punishments arguing that harsher penalties could deter crime. However, they acknowledged the limitations of punitive measures in addressing the systemic issues driving transnational trafficking such as corruption.

The Delegation of Finland highlighted their country's success in reducing crime rates through rehabilitation and systemic reforms. They suggested that such measures including reducing corruption within law enforcement and judicial systems could serve as a model for addressing transnational organized crime.

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The Delegation of China disagreed with Finland's rehabilitative approach arguing that lenient punishments fail to deter transnational crime syndicates, which operate on a global scale. They emphasized that addressing corruption and imposing stronger penalties were essential to dismantling these networks.

Czechia reiterated that criminal prosecution varied by country and that the committee's focus should remain on combating corruption and improving justice systems to tackle transnational trafficking effectively.

Finland pointed to their lack of major organized crime issues and low corruption levels as evidence of their system's effectiveness.

China responded by arguing that Finland's relatively low crime rates stemmed from their unique context, which does not reflect the challenges faced by countries dealing with severe corruption and trafficking issues. They advocated for a balance between retribution and rehabilitation tailored to each country's circumstances.

Czechia suggested amending the resolution's language to respect each nation's approach to criminal justice while emphasizing anti-corruption efforts and transnational cooperation.

The United Kingdom questioned whether the rehabilitation of gang leaders and terrorists was a feasible approach to curbing organized crime and corruption.

Finland argued that while rehabilitation was not always possible, a "hearts and minds" approach had historically helped radicalized individuals, which could weaken criminal organizations over time. They cited South Africa's negotiations during apartheid as an example of addressing systemic issues without exacerbating conflict.

Czechia countered that South Africa's success was unique and unlikely to be replicable in the context of transnational crime, which requires coordinated efforts to address corruption and organized criminal networks.

The inclusion of both rehabilitation and retribution in the recommendations was suggested as a way to make the section agreeable to more Member States. Czechia reiterated that decisions about criminalization should ultimately rest with individual states, but they emphasized the need for a unified stance against corruption and trafficking.

The Delegation of China argued for including both rehabilitation and retribution to ensure all options remain available. They emphasized using court systems and prisons not only to penalize criminals but also as tools to prevent future crimes by addressing the systemic drivers of trafficking. China supported the addition of retributive language if rehabilitation is included highlighting the importance of balance in addressing corruption and deterring transnational criminal activity.

Finland, however, strongly opposed any mention of retribution, maintaining that a focus on rehabilitation was more effective in curbing trafficking. They suggested that the language surrounding penalties be removed entirely to avoid polarizing Member States and undermining cooperative efforts.

Several delegations voiced concerns about the language referencing the CJEU. Ghana noted the importance of framing recommendations in a way that accounts for nations that lack the resources to invest in anti-trafficking technology. They suggested targeting the root causes of trafficking by tracing the flow of funds supporting these activities, though they acknowledged that such measures could be controversial.

Indonesia expressed understanding of this approach but emphasized their nation's preference for maintaining privacy and sovereignty. They opposed the inclusion of technology-based solutions that require international data sharing, instead, advocating for stricter domestic laws to combat trafficking. Indonesia welcomed language in the report that explicitly respects national sovereignty.

Brazil raised concerns about mandating participation in technological solutions and proposed adding language to allow countries the option of opting out of such measures. They supported Indonesia's stance on sovereignty arguing that respecting national jurisdictions is essential to fostering trust and collaboration in combating transnational crime.

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Ghana questioned what "stricter laws" would entail emphasizing the need for clarity. They warned against vague language that could hinder meaningful action stressing the importance of robust tracking mechanisms to disrupt trafficking networks.

Brazil argued that the report's existing section on a shared database already addressed many of these concerns and suggested removing redundant content. They echoed Indonesia's point about sovereignty noting that international collaboration should not compromise national autonomy.

The United States of America proposed the inclusion of a dedicated section on sovereignty to address these concerns and ensure broader support for the resolution. Bulgaria agreed, emphasizing that specific recommendations should remain in the resolution while respecting national jurisdictions.

Finland suggested reframing recommendations to align with existing content on sovereignty and corruption reform in other sections of the report. Brazil supported this offering language to prioritize women and children, groups most vulnerable to trafficking. Ghana countered that while children and women are disproportionately affected, education programs targeting all vulnerable groups are essential for preventing trafficking and addressing its systemic drivers.

Czechia suggested clarifying the focus on border security in relation to trafficking rather than general security emphasizing the importance of targeted measures to combat transnational trafficking.

#### 3.6 Draft Resolutions

First, the delegation from El Salvador noted the center of confinement for terrorism in their state noting the alarming number of people arrested due to constrictive laws. They outlined the issues of the hopelessness of escape due to 200 year prison sentences among other concerns they wished to be addressed in the report.

Then, the delegation from the United Kingdom first applauded El Salvador on their goals for anti-corruption and anti-gang violence, then, questioned the human rights of those incarcerated in the prison. The delegation from El Salvador responded with their awareness of journalists taking extreme measures. They affirmed that everyone is meant to be in the facilities.

Then, the delegation from Canada asked how people's rights are maintained in their state when El Salvador previously deployed military inter-nationally. The delegation from El Salvador responded that there was no martial law; since they accomplished their goal to round up criminals, there was no longer a need for soldiers to patrol the streets.

Then, the delegation from Cuba questioned the reactions of neighboring Member States to their proposals. The delegation from El Salvador responded that the mixed reactions they faced was not an issue with their goals.

Finally, the delegation from Ghana questioned the solvency of El Salvador's punishment over reform approach. The delegation from El Salvador responded by reiterating statistics, showcasing how the crime rate has been significantly lowered in their state.

The delegation from Brazil started the discussion talking about the importance of curbing transnational crime stemming from inside of prison systems. Multiple other members of the Latin American Bloc expressed their concerns about the lack of strength in many prison systems around South America.

Brazil brought to attention the importance of training prison officials with the goal of enhancing their response to organized transnational crime. Brazil brought up other organizations working on similar issues such as PRIS-COOP. Other Latin American countries and Austria brought up the ideas of using technological advancements such as asynchronous learning to optimize learning. This led to a discussion on the structural injustices of marginalized communities. This led to a discussion on how to use international cooperation to aid in education of prison staff alongside creating a better and quicker response to transnational crime.

The delegation of Brazil highlighted the importance of international cooperation in improving the global prison system. Then, the delegations of Pakistan and the United Kingdom expressed concerns about the status of national sovereignty and interests among multiple parties' intervention. Thus,

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Brazil and Pakistan concluded that it is important to consider the socioeconomic and cultural background of each country's jurisdiction for effective international cooperation. Furthermore, Brazil and Pakistan argued that Member States should approach cooperation voluntarily and should not have any overstepping power.

Indonesia specified that falsely incarcerated prisoners as well as the general prison population has detrimental systems in place that actively harm the rehabilitation of the incarcerated. Ghana also added that the treatment of prisoners should be further generalized across the global stage. Mexico also expressed the want for safe and healthy living conditions which Indonesia echoed adding the facilities should be standardized across the United Nations Member States in order to prevent incarceration in the future. China brought up having similar ideas and would like to implement some sort of a Nordic forward prison system allowing for: some freedoms, better treatment, access to healthcare and decent food. Overall, verifying global support of benefitting the incarcerated to create upstanding citizens that are productive members of society.

Indonesia brought up that there should be an overarching theme for all prisons with generally similar resources. China also mentioned that there is no homogeneity or standardization across the global prison system. Austria and Brazil brought up INTERPOL to keep nations accountable in times of incarceration and broadening their scope potentially to allow for more global overview. Libya also urged that it is very necessary to have a strong base in education as well as preventative measures and creating upstanding citizens from the moment they are enrolled in school. This general overview would be beneficial especially to those that are struggling in the global south.

During a suspension of the meeting, Brazil proposed the humanitarian treatment of all prisoners as they believe such treatment would facilitate rehabilitation of criminals, which in turn would prevent crime since there would be less criminals continuously in action. Ghana raised the concern that this idea would perhaps not fall under the purview of this committee. China furthered this point by questioning Brazil on how the humanitarian treatment of prisoners directly prevented transnational crime. Brazil sees its point as more of a recommendation for countries to keep in mind when proposing specific measures that prevent transnational crime. Czechia further clarified that China's ideas would only indirectly help countries reform their systems to prevent criminals from recidivising into their old ways.

First, Indonesia brought up the point that Indonesia does not align with the humanitarian incarceration sentiment. Then, Brazil brought up that more humanitarian options will not impact Indonesia negatively as it will strengthen retribution and the prison systems internationally. Then, Finland brought up adding a fourteenth point.

Following multiple countries' concerns on the issue of sovereignty, Brazil suggested the idea of making a separate point directly talking about a blanket statement on sovereignty. Brazil wrote out a statement calling for the universal declaration of sovereignty for all Member States named 2.0 Sovereignty. All members present at the deliberation agreed to the statement on sovereignty.

Cuba opposed focusing on humanitarian reforms within prisons stating that such efforts divert attention from the resolution's primary goal of preventing trafficking and combating organized crime. They argued that prioritizing rehabilitation or improved prison conditions risks weakening the punitive measures needed to deter transnational crime.

Brazil, however, countered that strengthening prison systems does not preclude punitive measures but ensures that incarceration disrupts trafficking networks rather than enabling them. They emphasized that corruption within prison systems such as bribery or collusion with criminal organizations must be addressed to reduce the influence of traffickers and their capacity to operate transnationally.

#### 3.7 Education

 During a suspension of the meeting, Italy, Mexico, Canada, Brazil, Cuba and Ghana started conversation surrounding fostering education to prevent crime. Italy brought up the topic because as they say recruitment starts at a young age, which leads to increasing criminal activity. Therefore, they have proposed that if we tackle the lack of access to education, children would be less likely to join criminal organizations later on since that would prevent them from being recruited at a young age while also

preventing their exposure to that environment. Italy believes that increased access to education would provide children in poor and marginalized communities with greater opportunities.

Conversation between Canada, Ghana, Italy, Mexico, and the United States of America evolved around specifying the content of a program proposed by Mexico that would prevent recidivism. Mexico emphasized the need for raised educational standards in Member States. They brought up the need for more investment in quality content that would educate people from between the ages of ten and twenty five about alternatives to a criminal life, which would include exposing them to gang involvement and violence, the judicial system and potential professions.

The group discussed how the educational program should include vocational and professional training as well as alternative activities like sports, music and art programs. Canada advocates for implementation and expansion of awareness programs relating to human trafficking, particularly, its disproportionate effects on marginalized people

The United States of America acknowledged the inefficiency with past proposed programs such as the American Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. In an attempt to correct this, the United States of America proposed that any educational program should ultimately focus on hands-on vocational career training.

Ghana raised the concern with impoverished communities who do not have the resources to engage in such programs. They mentioned that while the less fortunate are the most vulnerable to recruitment from traffickers and criminal organizations, developing countries struggle to provide free quality education to those communities.

Mexico proposes fundraising and donation efforts to provide materials and facilities to developing countries who lack resources to fulfill these standards. Canada also brought up possible collaboration with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) on expanding basic education and access to vital resources. In doing so, would stabilize the fundamental problems that lead to children becoming involved with criminal activity.

# **4 Adoption of the Report**

At its meeting on 26 November 2024, the draft report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was made available for consideration. The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice considered the report and with no amendments, adopted the report by consensus.

Passed by consensus, with 3 abstentions