

GWI United Nation Representative Advocacy Report Vienna 2021

GWI advocacy goals

1. 100% of United Nations Member States commit to policy, legislation, budget and infrastructure to facilitate transition of girls from primary to secondary school and ensure gender parity and gender equality throughout secondary education by 2030.
 2. By 2030 100% of United Nations low income Member States have increased access to tertiary education for girls and women by 50%.
 3. 100% of United Nations Member States commit to and implement policies for continuing education to empower women throughout the life course, within the formal and informal economies.
 4. Influence the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4.
 5. All 17 SDGs will include girls' education targets.
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Meeting attended: (place, date, time, name of meeting)

**Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)
30th Session
Vienna, 17-21/05/2021**

Subject of meeting:

The 30th Session of the CCPCJ took place 17-21/5 in Vienna in a hybrid format with close to 1,100 participants, most taking part online, representing 125 countries. 49 NGOs were represented, and more than 80 side events were held in all-virtual mode. Elisabeth Francis represented GWI.

Key themes were 1) the significant impact of the Covid pandemic on crime and 2) follow up on the Kyoto Declaration. In his message to the Commission, the UN Secretary-General stressed that the Commission's work "has taken on new dimensions as the COVID-19 pandemic has left many millions of people more vulnerable to crime, exploitation and violence." The UNODC Executive Director said "Action through this Commission for more inclusive and integrated justice responses is needed to strengthen prevention and the rule of law, and to help break vicious cycles of inequality, corruption, crime, and violence."

The Session focussed on follow-up to the 14th UN Crime Congress held in March, taking forward the Kyoto Declaration. Seven resolutions were passed: - International cooperation in addressing smuggling of migrants; - addressing the UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons; - preventing and combating crimes that affect the environment; - reducing reoffending through rehabilitation and reintegration; - integrating sport into youth crime prevention and criminal justice strategies; - advancing criminal justice system reform amidst the COVID-19 pandemic; and follow up on the 14th Crime Congress.

Given the time taken up by a dispute between Armenia / Azerbaijan / Turkey over the appointment of the Commission's Third Vice-Chair, the thematic discussion on *effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children* was postponed to the reconvened December Session. A Committee of the Whole workshop on lessons learned and the impact of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol 20 years after its adoption was moderated by an observer for the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy.

A Special Event, organized by UN Women and the Govt of Austria, was held on 17/5 - 'Cases of Domestic Violence - challenges faced by Female Victims.'

The In-session Draft Reports and resolutions are available under this link:

https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/session/30_Session_2021/in-session-draft-reports.html



CCPCJ Chair, Ambassador Cortese of Italy, conducts the 30th Session; UNODC Executive Director, Ghada Waly

Refers to SDG no #: (please reference)

1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17

Relevant treaties/conventions/resolutions:

Many, including the Palermo Convention, the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime; the UN Convention against Corruption; the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism, etc

Intervention by GWI rep: (what you did)

1) We were very pleased that GWI was able to submit a written statement to the Commission, urging the UN to accelerate a gender perspective in all crime prevention, criminal justice, anti-corruption, and anti-smuggling policies, and programmes at the international, regional, and national levels. This was published on the Commission's website.

https://www.unodc.org/documents/commissions/CCPCJ/CCPCJ_Sessions/CCPCJ_30/NGO_papers/ECN152021_NGO4_e_V2103335.pdf

2) In addition to various of the Plenary Sessions, the Special Event on Domestic Violence, and the Committee of the Whole workshop, I attended eight side events, with a focus on gender based violence, women's issues, corruption, environmental crime and civil society / the Kyoto Declaration - see the Appendix for detail.

Personal observations :

1) The important role of women at CCPCJ - and the emphasis on gender policies at UNODC - was strikingly emphasised at the special ceremonial segment. Apart from messages from UN SG Antonio Guterres and ECOSOC President Munir Akram, all speakers were women - Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Ghada Waly; the Minister of Justice of Austria, Alma Zadić; the Minister of Justice of Italy, Marta Cartabia; the Minister of Justice of Japan, Yōko Kamikawa; the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet; and the Chair of the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Anna Alvazzi del Frate. In her intervention during the plenary, the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Dubravka Šimonović, called on States that have not yet established a national femicide watch to do so.



Women Ministers of Justice at the CCPCJ: l-r Yoko Kamikawa, Japan, Alma Zadić, Austria, Marta Cartabia, Italy

2) It was good to see attention / progress on some of the key issues that we have been advocating on recently - corruption, gender mainstreaming, GBV and environmental crime. There was much discussion / emphasis on corruption - including on how to measure and track it. On Environmental Crime, the resolution originally tabled by France was approved.

3) There was much attention on cybercrime, with various calls for a UN-wide Convention to be introduced.

Next steps: (what needs to be done, who can we contact? Who did you network with?)

We will continue to follow up on our Statement in all UN Vienna occasions, including the NGO Committees. UNGASS 2021 - the Special Session of the General Assembly against Corruption 2021 - will take place in New York 2-4 June.

Did you take any photographs? If yes, please include captions Screenshots included

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