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Crime prevention and criminal justice

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#### 78/267. International Day for the Prevention of and Fight against All Forms of Transnational Organized Crime

*The General Assembly,*

*Guided by the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Recalling previous relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular its resolutions [55/25](#) of 15 November 2000 and [55/255](#) of 31 May 2001, by which it adopted the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto,<sup>1</sup> as well as its resolution [78/229](#) of 19 December 2023, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”,*

*Recalling also previous relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, in particular its resolution 10/4 of 16 October 2020, entitled “Celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and promoting its effective implementation”,<sup>2</sup>*

*Seriously concerned about the negative impact of transnational organized crime on security, stability, the rule of law and sustainable development,*

*Recognizing the importance of the prevention of and fight against transnational organized crime for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>3</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vols. 2225, 2237, 2241 and 2326, No. 39574.

<sup>2</sup> See [CTOC/COP/2020/10](#), sect. I.A.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution [70/1](#).



*Reaffirming* the importance of the Convention and the Protocols thereto as the main global tools available to the international community to prevent and fight all forms and manifestations of transnational organized crime, and protect the victims,

*Emphasizing* the particular relevance of the Convention as a legal basis for international cooperation in extradition and mutual legal assistance, as well as for other forms of judicial and law enforcement cooperation,

*Recognizing* the primary role and responsibility of States in preventing and combating transnational organized crime and in defining their crime prevention policies and strategies in this regard, and recalling the commitment of States parties to the Convention to carry out those obligations in a manner consistent with article 4 thereof,

*Emphasizing* that transnational organized crime must be addressed with full respect for the principle of the sovereignty of States and in accordance with the rule of law as part of a comprehensive response to promote durable solutions through the promotion of human rights and more equitable socioeconomic conditions,

*Recognizing* that technical assistance and economic development are fundamental to ensuring the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, and recalling in this regard article 30 of the Convention,

*Commemorating* all victims of organized crime, including those who have lost their lives fighting such crime, in particular law enforcement and judicial personnel, and paying special tribute to all those persons, such as Judge Giovanni Falcone, whose work and sacrifice paved the way for the adoption of the Convention, and affirming that their legacy lives on through our global commitment to preventing and combating organized crime,

*Recalling* the important roles of civil society, non-governmental and community-based organizations, the private sector and academia in the prevention of and fight against transnational organized crime and the contributions that they can provide to such efforts,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#) of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in particular paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

1. *Decides* to declare 15 November the International Day for the Prevention of and Fight against All Forms of Transnational Organized Crime, in order to raise awareness of the threats posed by all forms of transnational organized crime and to enhance international cooperation in this regard;

2. *Invites* all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and other global and regional organizations, within existing resources, as well as other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, academia and the media, to commemorate the International Day in an appropriate manner, including through educational and public awareness-raising activities, and to share best practices in this regard;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in collaboration with other relevant entities, to facilitate the observance of the International Day;

4. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution shall be met from voluntary contributions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and civil society organizations for appropriate observance of the International Day.

*63rd plenary meeting  
21 March 2024*