



Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

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Report of the pre-Congress consultations held at the Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha on 11 April 2015

1. In conformity with the practice followed at United Nations special conferences and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/119 of 19 December 2001, pre-Congress consultations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice were held at the Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha on 11 April 2015. Participation in the consultations was open to representatives of all States invited to the Thirteenth Congress.
2. The matters considered and the recommendations agreed upon in the course of the consultations are set out below.

A. Election of the President of the Thirteenth Congress

3. It is recommended that the Thirteenth Congress elect by acclamation His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for the Interior of the State of Qatar and head of delegation of the host country, as President of the Congress.

B. Election of other officers

4. The General Committee of the Thirteenth Congress will be composed of 28 officers, to be elected by the Congress under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, according to the geographical pattern set out below. The Presidency will not be counted for the purpose of geographical distribution.
5. As at 11 April 2015, the following nominations regarding the composition of the General Committee have been submitted: Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa and Tunisia (African States); China, Indonesia, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon and Thailand (Asia-Pacific States); Azerbaijan, Croatia and Latvia (Eastern European States); Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico (Latin American and Caribbean States); and Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Italy and Netherlands (Western European and other States).



6. In the light of announcements made in the course of the pre-Congress consultations and in conformity with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, it is recommended that the representative of Mexico be nominated as Chair of Committee I and the representative of Finland be nominated as Chair of Committee II. It is also recommended that the representative of South Africa be nominated as First Vice-President and the representative of Latvia as Rapporteur-General.

C. Adoption of the rules of procedure

7. It is recommended that the Thirteenth Congress adopt the provisional rules of procedure, as contained in document A/CONF.222/2.

D. Adoption of the agenda

8. It is recommended that the Thirteenth Congress adopt the provisional agenda, as contained in document A/CONF.222/1.

E. Allocation of items

9. It is recommended that items 1-7 of the provisional agenda, as well as the high-level segment of the Thirteenth Congress, be allocated to plenary meetings, and that workshops 1 and 3 be allocated to Committee I for consideration. It is also recommended that workshops 2 and 4 be allocated to Committee II for consideration.

F. Organization of work

10. It is recommended that the Thirteenth Congress approve the proposed organization of work for the Congress, as set out in the annex to document A/CONF.222/1, on the understanding that any adjustments necessary will be made during the course of the proceedings of the Congress.

11. It is recommended that the draft Doha Declaration on Integrating Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice into the Wider United Nations Agenda to Address Social and Economic Challenges and to Promote the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels, and Public Participation, be formally adopted at the opening of the high-level segment.

12. It is recommended that, during the high-level segment, each State be limited to one statement of a maximum of five minutes, in order to provide sufficient time for all States wishing to deliver statements to do so.

13. The list of speakers for the high-level segment was established by drawing of lots on 26 March 2015 and has been compiled by the Secretariat, taking into account, to the extent possible, the rank of the head of delegation of each State requesting the floor.

14. It is recommended that the list of speakers for the high-level segment be closed at 2 p.m. on 12 April 2015.

**G. Credentials of representatives to the Thirteenth Congress:
appointment of members of the Credentials Committee**

15. In accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure, it is recommended that Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Denmark, Jamaica, Namibia, the Russian Federation, Senegal and the United States of America be appointed to the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that any of those States not present would, upon the President's proposal, be replaced by another State from the same region.

H. Report of the Thirteenth Congress

16. It is recommended that, in accordance with the practice followed by previous United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice, the report of the Thirteenth Congress should consist of the Doha Declaration on Integrating Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice into the Wider United Nations Agenda to Address Social and Economic Challenges and to Promote the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels, and Public Participation, the conclusions and recommendations of the Congress on the various substantive items of its agenda and the outcome of the workshops. The report should also contain the decisions of the Congress, a brief account of the events leading to the convening of the Congress, the proceedings of the Congress, including a summary of the substantive work conducted by the plenary and by the committees, a summary of the proceedings of the high-level segment and an account of the action taken in plenary meetings. It is also recommended that the reports of Committee I and Committee II be approved at the final meeting of the respective Committee before being adopted by the plenary as part of the report of the Congress.
