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* The present document reflects comments received recently from a Government.



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Thailand

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Operative paragraph 5

1. In principle, Thailand attaches importance to the concept of “good governance” in both the public and private sectors. However, since the term “proper management of public affairs and public property” is already used in the United Nations Convention against Corruption (General Assembly resolution 58/4, annex), which is reason enough as a ground for arriving at commonly agreed language for this paragraph, Thailand is willing to accept this term in the spirit of consensus.

Operative paragraph 6

2. Thailand believes that civil society plays an important role in crime prevention and criminal justice and would therefore favour removing the brackets in paragraph 6 and retaining the paragraph as it is.

Operative paragraphs 11 and 14

3. Thailand is particularly concerned at the problem of trafficking in persons, which continues to have a negative impact on vulnerable groups in many parts of the world. Therefore, special attention needs to be paid to this global issue and efforts should be redoubled to tackle this form of crime effectively.

4. For this reason the words “trafficking in persons and” should be added in operative paragraph 11 after “the rise of” and in operative paragraph 14 the words “and services” should be added after “for providing support”, as well as the words “and prosecute the perpetrators and those who aid them to commit such crimes” after “to victims of crime”.

New operative paragraph

5. For Thailand, the issue of drug trafficking is of utmost importance. It is often assumed that drug-related crime is already included in the concept of organized crime. However, Thailand is of the view that the Bangkok Declaration should address the severity of this issue more explicitly, in particular with respect to international cooperation in prosecuting those who have committed drug-related crimes and in controlling precursor substances. A new paragraph should therefore be added after paragraph 14 to read:

“[...] We note with concern the problem of drug trafficking and the serious socio-economic consequences it entails, and therefore call for the strengthening of international cooperation in combating this form of organized crime, in particular in prosecuting those who have committed drug-related crimes and in controlling precursor substances.”

Operative paragraph 21

6. Thailand supports the addition to paragraph 21 of the sentence proposed by Indonesia (see A/CONF.203/16/Add.3, para. 15).

Operative paragraph 24

7. Thailand believes that alternative measures, which include restorative justice, are necessary not only to decrease caseload but also to avoid the possible adverse effects of incarceration. Therefore, the meaning of “alternative measures” entirely covers restorative justice policy, procedures and programmes and the words “alternative measures to prosecution, including” should be added after “further developing” and the words “and avoid the possible adverse effects of incarceration” after “the caseload of criminal courts”.
