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Addendum

Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

1. At its 8th meeting, on 25 April 2013, the Commission considered agenda item 8, entitled “Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Commission had before it the following:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2013/10);

(b) Discussion guide for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2013/CRP.1).

3. An introductory statement was made by a representative of the Conference Support Section of the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch of UNODC. Statements were made by the representatives of Germany and Thailand. The observers for Qatar and Canada also made statements. The delegation of Qatar made an audiovisual presentation. A statement was made by the observer for the Academic Council on the United Nations System.



A. Deliberations

4. All speakers recognized the important role of the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice in shaping international and domestic policies in the areas of crime prevention and criminal justice. Speakers also welcomed the advanced level of preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and particularly the early preparation of the draft discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings and the Thirteenth Congress, which allowed Member States to offer feedback or comments before its finalization.

5. One speaker stressed that the Thirteenth Congress would help to integrate crime prevention and criminal justice into the wider United Nations agenda with a view to addressing social and economic challenges and promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels.

6. The representative of the country hosting the Thirteenth Congress informed the Commission about the domestic preparations for the organization of the event, including the establishment of a preparatory committee to achieve better coordination among the ministries involved. It was envisaged that a youth forum would take place concurrently with the Congress.

7. One speaker referred to the preparations pertaining to the conduct, structure and outcome of the Thirteenth Congress and noted, in particular, the advantages of holding the high-level segment of the Congress within the first two days. However, he also drew the attention of the Commission to the length of time between the high-level segment and the adoption of a single declaration as the outcome of the Congress. In that regard, he proposed that the declaration be “clustered” in different parts, with the first part being negotiated in advance and adopted during the high-level segment, followed by two more parts related to the conclusions and recommendations arising from the deliberations during the Congress and its workshops.
