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Mexico-INEGI

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Mexico, through INEGI, strongly supports to continue promoting and strengthening crime statistics, which constitutes a fundamental and permanent task for the Institute and, at the same time, recognizes the proposed set of activities and workplan included in the Report to continue with the implementation of the Roadmap previously adopted by this Commission.

Mexico recognizes the relevance of producing data and statistics related to gender violence, and fully supports the statistical framework on gender-based killings of women and girls to produce relevant data in this area. We are very committed with this subject, and we will start its implementation in our regular statistical programmes.

Related to this, Mexico recommends UNODC to be particularly open to recommendations and collecting evidence from countries as a result of such implementation. At the same time, we request UNODC to present in 2025 to this Commission a global report of the implementation process of this statistical framework on gender-based killings of women and girls.

Mexico, through INEGI, supports and approves the “Conceptual Framework for the Statistical Measurement of Illicit Financial Flows”, developed by UNODC and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and recognizes the importance to develop a common statistical framework to generate data on IFF, usually related to tax and commercial activities; illegal markets; corruption; and exploitation-type activities and financing of crime and terrorism. This is relevant to countries not just because of the specific SDG, but because of the methodological challenges for measuring such global phenomena.

Mexico promotes and strongly supports the implementation of specialized National Surveys related to Victimization, Corruption, Violence Against Women and other stand-alone surveys and other instruments considered in the Roadmap for crime statistics previously adopted by this Commission. UNODC, UN Women and some National Statistical Offices have made big efforts in implementing such National Surveys. We invite all to continue such implementation.

However, Mexico also recognizes that there are many SDGs indicators without any information. Because of this, we consider the SDG16 Survey Initiative as useful for countries that have limited availability of data for some SDG 16 indicators. It is important to clarify that this SDG16 Survey Initiative do not replace robust stand-alone surveys, but this initiative can help countries in producing and reporting data for specific SDGs Indicators.

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Regarding the implementation of the ICCS, Mexico recognizes the importance of inviting National Statistical Offices (NSO) to promote its implementation and collaboration among data producers with the aim of improving crime and criminal justice statistics at national level as well as comparability between regions and countries.

Mexico agrees to invite UNODC to consider reviewing the United Nations Crime Trends Survey (UN-CTS), that has worked as an important instrument for global and regional analysis on crime trends and the functioning of criminal justice systems. Periodically, INEGI collaborates with UNODC in the data collection process and upgrades Mexico's data on several SDG indicators as violence, rule of law, access to justice and corruption.

Given the effective works and performance of the Centre of Excellence UNODC-INEGI established in Mexico in 2011, and the Centre of Excellence UNODC-KOSTAT established in Korea in 2019; Mexico agrees to fortify the strategy based on Centres of Excellence to expand crime, governance and justice statistics; including the possibility of establishing a brand-new Centre of Excellence on crime and criminal justice statistics in Africa.

At last, Mexico, through INEGI, positively supports the annual organization of the International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics 2022, and also to encourage Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary funds for UNODC to implement other capacity building activities.

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