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Items for discussion and decision: Crime and Justice Statistics

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Statement provided by:

StatsNZ on behalf of New Zealand

Overview:

The report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI) on crime and criminal justice statistics, which is submitted to the Statistical Commission for discussion. The report contains a review of activities and accomplishments since 2019 on progress made to improve crime and criminal justice statistics. It presents new methodological tools, such as the new conceptual framework for the statistical measurement of illicit financial flows, the statistical framework for measuring the gender-related killing of women and girls (also referred to as “femicide/feminicide”, and the common initiative by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on standardized Sustainable Development Goal 16 survey modules. Furthermore, it highlights initiatives undertaken to support countries to strengthen crime and criminal justice statistics also in the context of monitoring Goal 16 and describes existing challenges and future activities to be undertaken at the international level.

Action Taken by the Statistical Commission:

Commission May Wish to:

- (a) Review and approve the proposed set of activities and workplan to continue the implementation of the road map as approved by the Commission in 2013 and updated in 2019;
- (b) Review and approve the statistical framework for measuring the gender-related killing of women and girls (also referred to as “femicide/feminicide”) and invite national statistical systems to start the implementation thereof and produce relevant data;
- (c) Review and approve the conceptual framework for the statistical measurement of illicit financial flows and invite national statistical systems to start activities for the measurement of illicit financial flows, including through pilot studies in selected areas;
- (d) Welcome and invite countries to use the Sustainable Development Goal 16 survey developed by UNDP, UNODC and OHCHR as an instrument to measure progress on Goal 16 indicators related to access to justice, corruption, discrimination, governance, human trafficking and violence; and encourage Member States and donors to support the financing and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 16 survey by national statistical offices to E/CN.3/2022/14 21-18529 17/19 significantly improve the availability and quality of survey-based Goal 16 indicators;

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- (e) Review the key activities to modernize and strengthen crime and criminal justice statistics from 2022 to 2025 set out in the present document and encourage their implementation in line with the road map approved by the Commission in 2013 and updated in 2019;
- (f) Acknowledge the successful model of the Centres of Excellence as effective partnerships between national statistical offices and United Nations agencies to support countries in the area of crime and criminal justice statistics, and invite UNODC to define a new partnership for the establishment of a centre of excellence to support countries in Africa;
- (g) Invite national statistical offices to lead the implementation of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes at the country level;
- (h) Invite UNODC to consider reviewing the United Nations Survey of Crime Trends to strengthen its capacity to provide timely data, strengthen the data used to monitor Sustainable Development Goals, monitor emerging crimes at the international level and increase data collection efficiency through an online data platform;
- (i) Encourage Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary funds to enhance the ability of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to implement capacity-building activities;
- (j) Invite the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and both Centres of Excellence to organize the sixth International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics in 2022;
- (k) Request the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in consultation with all relevant international and regional organizations, to report back to the Statistical Commission and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the progress achieved in implementing the road map in 2025.

Statement:

New Zealand would like to commend the work done by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI) on crime and criminal justice statistics. We commend the proposed set of activities and workplan to continue the implementation of the road map as approved by the Commission in 2013 and updated in 2019;

StatsNZ and Ministry of Justice in collaboration with relevant government agencies will review the Sustainable Development Goal 16 survey developed by UNDP, UNODC and OHCHR as an instrument to measure progress on Goal 16 indicators related to access to justice, corruption, discrimination, governance, human trafficking and violence

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