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#### Items for discussion and decision: crime and criminal justice statistics

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The Republic of Korea is deeply grateful to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI) for their work on the advancement and standardization of crime and criminal justice statistics. Statistics Korea fully endorses the wide-ranging policies and initiatives that are intended to improve crime and criminal justice statistics. We highly appreciate the development of standardized methodological tools such as SDG 16 survey modules and the statistical framework for the measurement of illicit financial flows, the provision of technical assistance on a regional level through Centers of Excellence, and the undertaking of activities to facilitate the implementation of and raising awareness of the ICCS (International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes). Furthermore, we endorse the recently-developed statistical framework for measuring gender-related killings of women and girls (also referred to as 'femicide'), and will do our part in the domestic/international expansion and coordination of gender-based statistics.

With Statistics Korea playing a central role, relevant organizations are collaborating in Korea to develop an ICCS-based Korean crime classification, which is set to be finalized in 2023. In response to the requests made by Asian Pacific nations, we will share the resulting outcomes through ICCS mentoring workshops and other venues. The current version of the ICCS classifies crimes of fraud merely into financial fraud and other acts of fraud, falling short in its ability to fully capture the increasingly intelligent and organized nature of such crimes. Therefore, we propose that new classification criteria and methods be introduced.

The Republic of Korea will do its utmost to ensure the success of the 6th International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics that it will host this November through partnership among Statistics Korea, KOSTAT-CoE, UNODC and INEGI-CoE, and will look forward to your proactive cooperation.

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