**Minutes E-meeting**

**Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**

1 December 2015

**Participants (live and replay)**:

Mr. Michael Platzer, Chair, Vienna Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Alliance)

Ms. Karen Judd Smith, Acting-Chair, NY Alliance, International Center for Religion and Diplomacy (ICRD)

Ms. Mirella Dummar Frahi, UNODC Civil Society Team

Mr. Maximilian Edelbacher, Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS) Vienna

Mr. Slawomir Redo, ACUNS Vienna

Ms. Andrada Filip, ACUNS Vienna

Mr. Lloyd Klein, NY College, CUNY

Ms. Janice Joseph, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Ms. Elisabeth Riedl, Women’s Federation for World Peace International

Ms. Yael Danieli, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

Ms. Gillian Dell, Transparency International

Ms. Rosalind Harris, Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations

Mr. Gary Hill, ISPAC

Mr. Jaime Todd Gher, Amnesty International

Ms. Kimberley Garth-James, CEE Inc.

Ms. Yimena, Getting out by Going in

Ms. Maria Idomir, UNODC Civil Society Team

Mr. Andrea Geranio, UNODC Civil Society Team

Ms. Viktorija Nesterovaite, UNODC Civil Society Team

**Agenda:**

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4. Report on Civil Society Task Force UNGASS 2016 preparations

5. Invitation to members to brief the Alliance on their work relevant to upcoming UN meetings and global issues

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**1. Overview of last meeting**

In her opening remarks, Ms. Judd Smith, welcomed the participants and reported on the last meeting’s attendance and the outcome of the survey. It was agreed that the format of the e-meeting was well suited to the needs of the Alliance. Also, it was suggested that monthly meetings could be organized, as well as thematic virtual working groups, which could report during the monthly Alliance e-meeting. At the same time, it was considered useful that meetings of both the Vienna and the New York Alliance continue to have in-person meetings with representatives of UN Member States and other relevant counterparts.

**2. Report from femicide events in New York and Vienna**

Mr. Platzer, Chair of the Vienna Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, highlighted the success of the [femicide events](http://cpcjalliance.org/october-2015-femicide/), which took place in New York on 15-16 October 2015 in the framework of the High Level Review on the 15th anniversary of resolution 1325 and in Vienna on 25 November 2015 during the commemoration of the international day for the elimination of violence against women. He further informed the participants about the issuance of the 4th volume of the Academic Council of the United Nations System (ACUNS) on Femicide. In view of the next Crime Commission, Mr. Platzer noted that more empirical data and awareness raising are needed, as well as a sharper focus on violence against girls between four and fourteen years of age. In conclusion, Mr. Platzer anticipated the upcoming publication of the 5th ACUNS volume on Femicide, which will focus on war situations.

**3. Report on the St. Petersburg Conference of States Parties to UNCAC**

Ms. Mirella Dummar Frahi, UNODC Civil Society Team Leader, reported on the [sixth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CoSP6)](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/CAC-COSP-session6.html), which saw the participation of more than 110 NGOs. Ms. Dummar Frahi informed the participants that nine resolutions were adopted at CoSP6 and she stressed the importance of two of them in particular: [CAC/COSP/2015/L.12/Rev.1](https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNCAC/COSP/session6/DraftResolutions/V1507830e.pdf), which is related to the pivotal role of education and training for professionals on anti-corruption; whereas [CAC/COSP/2015/L.10/Rev.1](https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNCAC/COSP/session6/DraftResolutions/V1507836e.pdf), focuses on the adoption of the second cycle of review, wherein issues of anti-corruption prevention will be touched upon. In conclusion, Mr. Maximilian Edelbacher, former Chief of Police, Vienna, Austria, and the current ACUNS Vienna Liaison Chief Operating Officer presented the book “Corruption, Fraud, Organized Crime, and the Shadow Economy” (edited by Maximilian Edelbacher, Peter C. Kratcoski and Bojan, Dobovsek, CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group). For any specific information, Mr. Edelbacher may be contacted at edelmax@aon.at.

**4. Report on Civil Society Task Force UNGASS 2016 preparations**

Ms. Dummar Frahi briefed the participants on the address by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, at the preparations for the [Special Session of the General Assembly on the World Drug Problem (UNGASS 2016)](http://www.unodc.org/ungass2016/), which took place on 1 December 2015 in Vienna. Also, Ms. Dummar Frahi explained that the upcoming interactive dialogue with civil society will take place in New York on 10 February 2016 [ http://www.unodc.org/ungass2016/en/cnd\_preparations.html]. Ms. Maria Idomir, UNODC Civil Society Team, added some remarks on the work of the [Civil Society Task Force (CSTF)](https://www.unodc.org/documents/NGO/The_Civil_Society_Task_Force_in_brief.pdf), which aims to bring together NGOs engaged with various dimensions of the world drug problem. Hence, she suggested that, for any inquiry on drug related matters, the participants should contact Ms. Andrea Huber, global voice for Criminal Justice, at the following address: ahuber@penalreform.org. Ms. Idomir also explained that the application period for UNGASS 2016 in January will be fairly brief and announced the upcoming events, such as the Civil Society Forum, organized by the CSTF in New York on 18 April 2016, and the next [Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)](https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/index.html?ref=menuside) in Vienna from the 14th to 22nd of March 2016. In conclusion, Mr. Slawomir Redo, commented on the necessity to link any future initiative to the [Doha Declaration](https://www.unodc.org/documents/congress/Declaration/V1504151_English.pdf) and the [Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/). Mr. Platzer further reiterated the need to strengthen the linkage with all major UN events, such as the [2015 UN Conference on Climate Change (COP21)](http://www.cop21paris.org/about/cop21) in Paris and the [2016 ACUNS Vienna Conference](http://acuns.org/lamberto-zanniers-speech-at-the-2016-vienna-un-conference/) in Vienna on peace and security.

**5. Invitation to Members to brief the Alliance on their work relevant to upcoming meetings in future Alliance meetings**

Mr. Redo reported on his participation in the [72nd Annual Meeting of the American Society on Criminology](http://asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm). As Mr. Redo illustrated, the meeting presented a great variety of panels and a good organizational formula, which envisaged a participative and inclusive discussion of the papers therein presented. As Mr. Redo explained, government Representatives could comment on NGO’s papers and vice versa, thus ensuring a lively and interactive dialogue among diverse stakeholders. Subsequently, Ms. Dummar Frahi reminded the participants about the upcoming events: the 58th CND 8th intersessional meeting and CSTF Briefing to Member States in Vienna on 8 December 2015; the reconvened fifty-eighth session of the CND in Vienna from the 9th to the 11th of December 2015; finally, the Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs quarterly meeting in Vienna on 10 December 2015.

**6. Proposed next meeting**

Ms. Judd Smith noted that, at this moment in time, it is considered to agree upon a bimonthly schedule for the meetings. Therefore, the next Alliance meeting should take place in February 2016. Mr. Platzer agreed and further proposed to involve more stakeholders in the next meetings. In her conclusive remarks, Ms. Judd Smith thanked all the participants and adjourned the meeting to the next session.