



*Chairperson of the Commission on Crime Prevention  
and Criminal Justice at its thirty-fourth session*

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Dear colleagues,

As part of its main responsibilities, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) has been supporting the government of the United Arab Emirates in the preparations for the XV United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Congress, which is held only every five years, provides a valuable opportunity to governments, international organizations, specialized non-governmental institutions, academics and scholars, among other stakeholders, to reflect upon and analyse the state of affairs on law enforcement and criminal justice matters.

The upcoming encounter in Abu Dhabi will certainly strengthen the international community's commitment to cooperate and develop more effective policies to address current and future public security challenges. I am convinced that the Congress may also be an occasion for all persons involved, regardless of their institutional affiliation, to be aware of the experiences and contributions of outstanding individuals to our common cause.

With that purpose, I am proposing to set an exhibit at the venue of the XV Congress, of books that remind us of the values, courage, determination and resilience of authentic heroes from all over the world whose actions are a source of inspiration and remind us that the main objective of our collective work is to attain just and peaceful communities in all our nations.

I will be grateful if, on behalf of your delegation, you can share with this Chair a title of a book you consider an outstanding example of courage against crime; of community resilience to restore safety; of criminal redemption; of support to victims of criminal activity; or any other action related to the mandates of the CCPCJ, that you think may inspire our endeavours.

Please send an email to [difusionaua@sre.gob.mx](mailto:difusionaua@sre.gob.mx) before January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with the following information:

Author

Title

Editorial

Place and Year of Publication

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials that appear to be 'JB'.

The Chair will gather the references and will produce a list that will be made available to all delegations during the XV UN Crime Congress. It will also contact some of the editorials in order to obtain a copy of their books, so they can be exhibited in Abu Dhabi during the duration of the Congress. The books will be donated to the library of an institution in Abu Dhabi as a collection from the CCPCJ.

I am grateful for your support to this proposal, and I look forward to your response.



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Commission on Crime Prevention  
and Criminal Justice  
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