

# Report of activities - 2019

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## January-October (Previous Alliance)

### January-February

A task force to draft a new Statute (Rory Field and Tobias Krachler) was appointed in late 2018. The first draft was shared via the Alliance mailing list in February. While most of the text met consensus, a few parts generated lively discussion, which required several rounds of consultations via email. Finally, a meeting to discuss any pending issues was called on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.

### 22 March

#### Alliance Meeting, Vienna

The meeting took place at the Vienna International Centre, facilitated by UNODC CST. It was chaired by Anna Alvazzi del Frate and attended by 15 participants in person and 7 via skype. It aimed at exchanging comments on drafts of the new statute of the Alliance and discussing controversial issues. As a result of discussion, a new deadline for comments on the draft was set for April, and it was decided to produce a more complete mailing list to reach a wider group of interested NGOs. It was agreed to hold the next meeting during the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCPCJ (20-24 May).

### 20-24 May

#### 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna

Two meetings took place on 21 and 23 May, to discuss drafts and establish a Transitional Team to lead to the registration of the Alliance in Austria.

Many members of the Alliance participated actively in the Crime Commission, especially as regards organization of numerous side events.

### June-July

#### Finalization of Statutes

A final version of the Statute for submission to the Austrian Authorities was adopted at the meeting of 26 June (Vienna). It was agreed that a Transition Board would accompany this phase (Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Ingeborg Geyer, Tobias Krachler, Ian Tennant), proceed with the registration of the Alliance and prepare the first General Assembly. Tobias Krachler and Ingeborg Geyer translated the English version for the Austrian Office and applied for registration on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The date of the GA was set for 11 October.

## 9 August

### Registration of the Alliance with the Austrian authorities

The application from the Alliance was accepted and its official registration was communicated on August 9, 2019 (ZVR –Zahl: 1431763181). Relevant information was sent to all NGOs in the mailing list, inviting them to re-register for the new entity. Preparations for the GA started with call for nominations.

## September – December (Newly registered Alliance)

### 23 September

#### Amplifying the Voices of NGOs: Introducing the Civil Society Groups in Vienna

The three main civil society umbrella groups active drugs and crime issues – the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the UNCAC Coalition, and the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC) – presented to Member States their respective mandates and work, and how they contribute to the debates and discussions in Vienna. The meeting gathered some 50 participants and included lively discussion.

### 27 September

#### Intersessional CCPCJ

The Alliance took part in the intersessional meeting of CCPCJ as observer.

### 11 October 2019

#### First General Assembly and election of the Board

At the date of the 11<sup>th</sup> of October the Alliance had 47 members. For the first (constituting) General Assembly there was no requirement for a quorum. Seventeen NGOs participated in the GA in person and two remotely. The main topic on the agenda was the election of the Board of Directors. Nominations were received for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member. There were no further nominations from the floor. The election committee (Evelyn Duermayer and Hertha Kaschitz) carried out operations related to the elections, which resulted in the following:

Anna Alvazzi del Frate (SAS) was elected as Chair  
Ian Tennant (GI), Michael O’Connoll (WSV) and Philip Reichel (ACJS) were elected as Vice-chairs  
Tobias Krachler (DJP) was elected as Secretary  
Ingeborg Geyer (Zonta Int) was elected as Treasurer  
Jolanta Lopusiewicz-Redo (ACPF) was elected as Board Member

The remaining members of the Board of Directors will be elected at the second General Assembly, to be held in May 2020.

## **Vienna, 25 November**

### **UNSA Expert Meeting on “The Role of Women in Organised Crime – An Unexplored Phenomenon”**

On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the United Nations Studies Association (UNSA) Vienna organized an expert meeting on the topic of women’s roles in organised criminal activities and human trafficking networks. The event was co-sponsored by Mexico, Canada, UNODC, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, the Sigmund Freud University and the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Chair of the Alliance, Anna Alvazzi del Frate, made a presentation on women and arms in organized criminal groups and gangs.

## **11 December**

### **Alliance meeting – Briefing on the Kyoto Congress**

On 11 December, the Informal Meeting of the Alliance for Vienna-based Representatives of International NGOs hosted Ms Jo Dedeyne-Amann, Chief of the Secretariat of the Governing Bodies, UNODC, who provided a very comprehensive overview of the 14th Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. During their presentation they shared some initial information on preparations and participation, especially as regards non-governmental organizations.

## **Abu Dhabi, 16-20 December**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption**

The Alliance participated as observer (Article 17) and made a statement under item 4 (Prevention), stressing its role to ensure that civil society is recognized and heard in advancing the crime prevention and criminal justice agenda and in the design, implementation of and accountability for relevant policies everywhere.