



“UNTOC at 25”

**High-Level Event to mark the International Day for the Prevention of and
Fight Against All Forms of Transnational Organized Crime and to
Commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the UN Convention Against
Organized Crime**

**United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 8
14 November 2025 – 13:15 pm/14.30 pm**

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CONCEPT NOTE

Background information

The United Nations General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), widely known as the Palermo Convention, on 15 November 2000 and its two protocols- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in persons, Especially Women and Children, and Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air. On 31 May 2001, the General Assembly adopted its third protocol- Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their parts and Components and Ammunition. The Convention established the first globally legally binding and comprehensive framework to strengthen national capacities and promote international cooperation to prevent and combat transnational organized crime, both in its traditional manifestations and its new, evolving and emerging forms.

In March 2024, the General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/78/267, proclaiming 15 November as the *International Day for the Prevention of and Fight against All Forms of Transnational Organized Crime*. The observance is intended to raise global awareness of the grave threat posed by organized crime, foster stronger cooperation among States, and reinforce collective commitment to the full and effective implementation of UNTOC and its Protocols.

The 2025 International Day commemoration, the second of its kind, carries special significance. It marks the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the UNTOC and its Protocols against Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants, as well as the 20th anniversary of the entry into force of its third Protocol on Firearms. This milestone commemoration offers a unique opportunity to take stock of progress achieved, honour those who have dedicated their lives to advancing the anti-crime agenda, and renew efforts to ensure that the Convention is fully and effectively implemented to uphold the vision of global justice, cooperation and security enshrined in it.

The commemoration will convene high-level representatives, diplomats, youth leaders, civil society actors and experts in a ceremony designed to showcase political will, joint commitment and shared vision in the fight against organized crime.

Programme

Time	Agenda	Speaker
13:15 – 13:20	Opening remarks	H.E. Mr. Gianluca Greco, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN
13:20 – 13:32	Key Interventions (6 min each)	- H.E. Ms. Chiara Colosimo, President of the Italian Parliament's Antimafia Commission (Video statement) - Ms. Xiaohong Li, Representative of the UNODC New York Liaison Office
13:32 – 14:10	Interventions by co-organizers (3-4 min each)	- H.E. Mr. Luis Felipe Ugarelli, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru - H.E. Mr. Bart De Wolf, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Belgium to the UN - H.E. Mrs. Alejandra Hernandez Gonzalez, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the UN - H.E. Mr. Umetsu Shigeru, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN - Mr. Stefan Pretterhofer, Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN - Ms. Majda Moutchou, Deputy Permanent Representative of Morocco to the UN - Mr. Robert Pulver, Chief of the DPO/OROLSI Justice and Corrections Service
14:10 – 14:25	Interventions from the floor	
14:25 – 14:30	Closing remarks	- H.E. Mr. Gianluca Greco, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN - Ms. Xiaohong Li, Representative of the UNODC New York Liaison Office