A juvenile justice system framed by the rights of the child secures a justice environment that is child and gender sensitive, non-intimidating, and safeguards children’s access to justice and to a meaningful participation in administrative and judicial proceedings. This system is crucial to uphold children’s right to freedom from violence, and to prevent and address incidents of violence as a form of punishment, discipline or sentencing.

The UNODC, the OHCHR and the SRSG on Violence against Children, with the support of the Governments of Thailand and Austria, will host a High-Level Panel Discussion on this topic, in the framework of the Third Committee of the 67th session of the General Assembly.

The objectives of the Panel Discussion are:

• To launch the “The Joint Report on prevention of and responses to violence against children within the juvenile justice system”
• To raise awareness about the risks and consequences of violence faced by children in the juvenile justice system
• To share good practices and strategies to prevent and respond to incidents of Violence
• To discuss enhanced cooperation at national, regional and international levels in this area
High-Level Panel Discussion on
Prevention of and responses to violence against children within the juvenile justice system

1.15 Opening
  o Welcome address by the Chairperson
    Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand, Chairperson of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
  o UNODC, OHCHR, SRSG on Violence against Children
    Launch of the thematic report on prevention of and responses to violence in the juvenile justice system

Interventions
  o Human Rights in the Administration of Juvenile Justice
    H.E. Dr. Christian Strohal, Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN, Geneva
  o Research and Data in the Defending Childhood Initiative
    Mr. Phelan Wyrick, Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, the United States of America
  o From Local Project to National Legislation - The development of alternatives to penal measures for young offenders in Norway through a restorative justice approach
    Ms. Anne Brita Normann, Senior Adviser, Police Department, Ministry of Justice and Public Security
    Ms. Anne-Li Ferguson, Senior Adviser, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights
  o Child Friendly Justice Guidelines
    Ms. Elda Moreno, Head of Human Dignity and Gender Equality Branch, Council of Europe

Discussion

2.30 Closing Remarks

The panel discussion will be held in English

The Permanent Mission of Thailand welcomes participants to a buffet lunch starting at 12.30 p.m., in the West Delegates Lounge, first floor of the North Lawn Building