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Dear Mr. Groenhuijsen,

In its resolution 55/25 of 15 November 2000, the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

In accordance with annex I, article 38, of the aforementioned resolution, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime entered into force on 29 September 2003.

Pursuant to article 32 of the Convention, a Conference of the Parties to the Convention has been established to improve the capacity of States Parties to combat transnational organized crime and to promote and review the implementation of the Convention.

It is my pleasure to invite your Organization to participate as an observer in the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, which will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 6 to 10 October 2014.

The information for participants is attached hereto. Documentation including the annotated provisional agenda and the proposed organization of work are made electronically available in all the official United Nations languages on the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as they become ready and can be accessed through the following address:

<a href="http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CTOC/CTOC-COP.html">http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CTOC/CTOC-COP.html</a>

Mr. Marc S. Groenjuijsen President World Society of Victimology LE Tilburg Netherlands It would be appreciated if the details (name, title/function, workplace and individual e-mail address) of the persons constituting your organization's delegation could be sent directly to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, fax: +43-1 26060 73957 or an advance scanned copy to e-mail: <a href="mailto:untoc.cop@unodc.org">untoc.cop@unodc.org</a> by Wednesday, 1 October 2014, at the latest. Please note that Friday, 3 October 2014 is an official United Nations holiday.

It would be appreciated if the list of delegates includes the name, title/function, workplace and individual e-mail address of each delegate. The inclusion of individual email addresses will ensure that representatives receive an automatic email response confirming their registration and will enable the Secretariat to provide further useful information, if required. The automatic e-mail response will also contain a link through which participants may upload a photograph, which will shorten the time needed to issue an entry badge on the day of registration. Delegates who do not complete the pre-registration procedure will be required to follow the normal procedure of having a photograph taken upon registration at the Gate 1 of the Vienna International Centre. In addition, all participants are required to confirm their attendance and to present their invitations or official communications identifying them as delegates, together with their passports, at the Conference registration desk, Gate 1, Vienna International Centre.

Yours sincerely,

Sara Greenblatt

Secretary

Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime