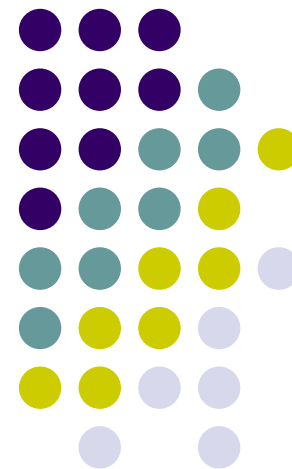


The United Nations Crime Commission Intergovernmental Expert Group on Fraud and the Criminal Misuse and Falsification of Identity (UNCCIEGFCMFI)

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Origin



- UNESCO Resolution 2004/26 (July 21, 2004)
 - Requested UN Secretary General to convene an intergovernmental expert group for the purpose of preparing a study on fraud and the criminal misuse and falsification of identity to deal with five principal areas:
 - Nature and extent of fraud and criminal misuse and falsification of identity;
 - Domestic and international trends in fraud and criminal misuse and falsification of identity;
 - Relationship between fraud, other forms of economic crimes, criminal misuse and falsification of identity and other illicit activities, including organized crime, money-laundering, and terrorism;
 - Prevention and control of fraud and criminal misuse and falsification of identity using commercial and criminal law, criminal justice and other means, and how these can be harmonized;
 - Particular problems posed by fraud and criminal misuse and falsification of identity for developing countries and countries with economies in transition.
 - Also requested Expert Group “to use the information gained by the study for the purpose of developing useful practices, guidelines or other materials in the prevention, investigation and prosecution of fraud and the criminal misuse and falsification of identity”

Expert Group Tasks



- Initial Meeting, March 17-18, 2005
 - Discussion of scope of work
 - Discussion of questionnaire to be distributed by UN Office on Drugs and Crime
- Questionnaire, September 2005
 - Original submission deadline of January 10, 2006 extended
- Report on Results of Study
 - Basis: Questionnaire responses and other information submitted by experts, Member State Governments, and (where relevant and feasible) private-sector sources
 - Factual information on fraud and criminal misuse and falsification of identity, plus information on best practices
 - To be submitted to UN Crime Commission by 2007 annual meeting (spring 2007)

UNODC Questionnaire – Basic Approach



- 50 Short, Easy-to-Answer Questions
- Examples
 - Question 1: Please provide short descriptions or information on –
 - Your country's commercial law framework, including contract, consumer protection, and tort laws
 - Extent to which information and communications technologies are available in urban and rural areas, and the extent to which they are used for commercial activities
 - Question 5: Please indicate the types of fraud most commonly encountered in your country and their typical characteristics

UNODC Questionnaire - Fraud



- Question 18: In your opinion, how could public and private commercial entities collaborate most effectively in the prevention and control of such offences?
- Question 29: Please provide information about lessons learnt or useful practices developed to combat or prevent fraud or other related offences at the national level or in the field of international cooperation where foreign or transnational aspects of fraud are involved.
 - Footnote: Best practices should include legislative action, operational or investigative techniques and preventive policies, and encompass both the private commercial and public criminal law areas.
 - USDEL Interpretation: Best/useful practices include commercial policies, practices, technologies, and relationships

UNODC Questionnaire – Identity Fraud



- Question 45: How, in your opinion, could the public and commercial sectors most effectively deter, prevent and control identity fraud, and in what areas could they collaborate most effectively with one another?
- Question 50: Please provide information about lessons learnt or useful practices developed to combat or prevent identity abuses at the national level or in the field of international cooperation where foreign or transnational aspects of identity fraud are in issue.

USDEL Approach to Survey



- Points of Contact
 - Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Solicited studies, reports
 - Private Sector Entities
 - Contacts with financial services and information technology associations and organizations to publicize Expert Group survey and solicit information
 - Outreach to specific financial services companies to solicit information
- Timing of Survey Response
 - Completion of response including law-enforcement, statistical components and available data from private-sector sources - May 19 (tentative)
 - Supplemental response of additional private-sector data – June 23 (tentative)



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