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QUESTIONNAIRE ON URBAN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE INVOLVEMENT

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Urban violence and juvenile involvement

Aim

The aim of this questionnaire is firstly to gather information on urban violence across all member States of the Council of Europe and their frequency and secondly to determine whether or not juvenile involvement is a specific problem within this phenomenon. The replies gathered from member States will constitute the basis for an analysis/report by the CDPC to be sent to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe as follow-up to Resolution on responses of justice to urban violence, paragraph 20, adopted at the 31st Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Justice held in Vienna, Austria 19-21 September 2012 ([link](#)).

Definition of urban violence

The term “urban violence”, as recently stated in the Conference on Urban violence in Lisbon in October 2014 ([link](#)), is treated as a “collective disorder” which leads to violent behavior by a large number of people and is born out of a number of different social and economic issues which affects the urban area in which the violence breaks out. Recent examples of urban violence include the London Riots in August 2011, the riots in Athens in 2012 and the youth riots in Husby, Sweden in 2013,

Questions

What are the specific characteristics of urban violence, as defined by the Conference on Urban violence stated above: frequency, extent and legal classification?

How many instances of urban violence, if any, have occurred in your country in the past ten years (*If no such instances have occurred you should just indicate this and only where appropriate respond to the questionnaire*)?

What was the background for these instances of urban violence ?

- How many judgments have there been in your country relating to instances of urban violence within this time?
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Are there any particular legal classifications that will be used in cases concerning urban violence?

Please could you provide any available statistics on urban violence in your country.

How are acts of delinquency dealt with when committed by juveniles and what specific responses and preventative measures are taken?

- Could you give an approximation of the number of juveniles (persons under the age of 18) that have been involved (both generally and those that have been prosecuted) in these acts of urban violence?
- Have special measures been taken in your country to prevent juveniles' involvement in acts of urban violence? If so, what kind: social, at school, etc.?

- Have you found that some preventive measures work better than others? In that case give a brief explanation of these.
- When a juvenile is involved in acts of urban violence what measures are applied to him or her?
- Are there different measures/sanctions available to a juvenile involved in urban violence depending on his/her specific age (e.g. juveniles of certain ages cannot undertake unpaid work as part of a social work court order)? If so, please provide an overview of these different measures/sanctions.
- Are there any special criminal procedural measures which apply to juveniles involved in urban violence?
- To what extent are families involved in these procedures?
- Are any special social rehabilitation measures taken for the juveniles concerned? Are the juveniles concerned subject to specific monitoring?

Practical examples of how the national criminal justice system deals with urban violence are welcome.