

CONTRIBUTION FROM CENTRO STUDI ED INIZIATIVE CULTURALI PIO LA TORRE

First of all, Centro Pio La Torre wants to express appreciation and gratitude to be part of this Ad Hoc Committee.

The Center is named after Pio La Torre, the Italian deputy killed by Mafia in 1982, and it has been active since 1986, based in Palermo, in a property confiscated from Sicilian Mafia.

Pio La Torre was a syndicalist firstly, and subsequently a politician, fighting in the defense of disadvantaged people; he was always in contrast to Mafia, a criminal phenomenon specific to its relations with politics, the economic and financial world, and, more in general, with the society. Pio La Torre was the author of the first anti-mafia law, the so-called Rognoni-La Torre law, which introduced in the Italian Criminal Code the “mafia-type organized association crime” and the confiscation of properties and assets, deriving from criminal activities.

As noted by other delegations, Centro Pio La Torre considers essential some references to the UNTOC, also known as Palermo Convention, not only to facilitate the elaboration of the new Convention, but also to continue the path had already launched. UNTOC permitted great steps forward in the battle against transnational organized crime, also through one of the most innovative instruments of criminal law, the confiscation. Indeed, the concept of confiscation has been extended, including the so-called “non-conviction-based confiscation”.

The Center, which carries on the memory of the work done by Pio La Torre, follows always with attention all international developments about the implementation of these kind of legislations.

These instruments were at the forefront and anticipated times, so permitting to have a wider range of action. This solution adopted by the United Nations corresponds to our actual preoccupations for this new Convention.

Our delegation considers that the next Convention should be focused on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, especially those of the victims, and also on protection and integrity of personal data. It is necessary to protect individuals from cyber-dependent crime and cyber-enabled crime, in rapid increase.

In conclusion, Centro Pio La Torre, particularly sensitive to the theme of organized crime, thinks it is necessary a specific section within the Convention about cyber-organized crime, analyzing the manifestations of this phenomenon, especially about authors’ liabilities and modalities of conducts perpetrated.