

Mr. Eduardo Vetere

Eduardo Vetere, a national of Italy, has been associated with the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme for more than thirty years. From 1987 to 1997, he headed the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme of the United Nations Office at Vienna. In November 1997, he was appointed Director of the then re-constituted Centre for International Crime Prevention. In line with the Secretary-General's reform programme, the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme is now an integral part of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). In 2003, Mr. Vetere was appointed as the Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs of UNODC. He served as Executive Secretary of the Eighth and Ninth United Nations Congresses on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held in 1990 in Havana, Cuba and in 1995 in Cairo, Egypt. He was also responsible for the organization and servicing of the Versailles Ministerial Meeting on the Strengthening of the Crime Prevention Programme (Versailles, France, November 1991) and for the United Nations World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime (Naples, Italy, November 1994), as well as for the launching of the Ad Hoc Committee charged with the negotiation of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and for servicing the Ad Hoc Committee for the UN Convention against Corruption. As Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs, he has the responsibility of organizing and servicing the annual sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Mr. Vetere has been re-appointed, by the United Nations Secretary-General, as Executive Secretary of the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

From 1969 to 1975 he worked as a research officer at the United Nations Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) in Rome; from 1976 to 1984 as a Social Affairs Officer with the United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs in New York and Vienna, and from 1984 to 1987 as Senior Programme Officer with the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC).

From 1992 to 1993, he was the Provincial Director of Phnom Penh with the UNTAC peace-keeping mission, serving at the same time as Officer-in-Charge for Public Security, with responsibilities which included the re-establishment of Cambodia's criminal justice infrastructure.

From March 1998 to January 1999, he served as Director of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General in Iraq and acted as his Deputy. In May 1999, he was appointed by the Secretary-General as Chairman of the Identification Commission of MINURSO (United Nations Mission for the Referendum on Western Sahara), serving also as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General. In June 2001, he resumed his functions as Director of the Centre for International Crime Prevention.

Mr. Vetere received his doctorate in law/jurisprudence at the University of Rome, with specialization in criminal law and criminology at the Universities of Cambridge and Rome, where he studied with Prof. L. Radzinowicz and Prof. F. Ferracuti. He is the author of several publications in the fields of human rights in the administration of justice, criminal justice statistics, developmental issues and international cooperation in criminal matters. He has lectured in various universities, in many countries of the world.