The Fifth IJJO International Conference, Criminality or Social Exclusion? Justice for Children in a Divided World, aims to address the impact of the global crises on the administration of justice for children and young people. In the last years, as a result of social and economic polarization and global crises, growing numbers of children, young people and families are finding themselves at the margins of society where social exclusion and involvement in criminality might constitute a higher risk.

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INTERNATIONAL
Expert Consultation on the prevention of and responses to violence against children within the juvenile justice system
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The IJJO joined UN partners based in Vienna, New York and Geneva during an Expert Consultation on the prevention of and responses to violence against children within the juvenile justice system, held in Vienna on the 23rd of January.

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EUROPE
Nils Mužnieks of Latvia elected Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
IJJO
On January 24th Nils Mužnieks, a former Minister of Social Integration from Latvia was elected as the third Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights. Mr. Mužnieks will take up his non-renewable term of six years on 1st April 2012, succeeding the second Commissioner, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg.

Feb 08, 2012
AFRICA
Deprivation of Children’s Liberty as a Last Resort
IJJO
Since the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), Africa has witnessed unprecedented developments in child law, practice and policy as well as in the field of Juvenile Justice. However there is still much to be done to improve laws, and procedures and their implementation in the justice system in Africa when it deals with children.

BELGIUM
In this interview, the General Delegate of the French Community for Children’s Rights analyzes and explains the current state of juvenile justice in Belgium. In this sense, also speaks of his activities as delegate and on ways and strategies to ensure respect for the rights of children. Moreover, he also exposes the effects of juvenile justice reform and refers to the importance of developing and improving measures of social reintegration of young people in Belgium.

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prevalence of mental disorders in young offenders. In the daily clinical practice there are great social, psychological and psychiatric differences which mean that the group of young people who commit offences is highly heterogeneous. It is therefore of fundamental importance that the minor receives individual evaluation and intervention.

What kinds of specific mental-health units or resources exist in your country for young offenders with mental disorders?