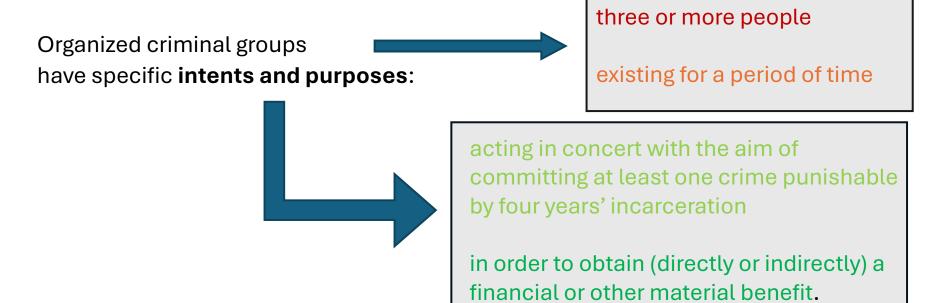


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# Defining Transnational Organized Crime



Organized crime is transnational when it is...

planned, prepared, committed, or has significant consequences in multiple states.

Source: United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols Thereto, https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNTOC/Publications/TOC%20Convention/TOCebook-e.pdf

# Actors, Markets, Resilience

#### **5 Types of Criminal Actors**

- State-embedded
- Criminal networks
- Foreign actors
- Mafia-style actors

#### 15 Criminal Markets

- Human trafficking
- Human smuggling
- Extortion/protection racketeering
- Arms trafficking
- Trade in counterfeits
- Trade in excisable goods
- Flora crimes
- Fauna crimes
- Non-renewable resource crimes
- Heroin trade
- Cocaine trade
- Cannabis trade
- Synthetic drug trade
- Cyber-dependent crimes
- Financial crimes

#### 12 Resilience Factors

- Political leadership and governance
- Government transparency and accountability
- International cooperation
- National policies and laws
- Judicial system and detention
- Law enforcement
- Territorial integrity
- Anti-money laundering
- Economic and regulatory capacity
- Prevention
- Victim and witness support
- Non-state actors

## Coordination

**Process** of making different parts of a system and its component actors and organizations work together more effectively.

- -- Can be a precursor to cooperation on strategic goals
- -- When done well, generates a whole that is more than the sum of its parts
- -- When done well, avoids competition and increases complementarity



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