

Statement by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran
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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chair,

At the beginning, my delegation would like to appreciate your laudable efforts in leading this session and to commend the Secretariat for its dedication and the extensive work it has done thus far in convening this meeting. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the people and Government of Japan for hosting the Fourteenth Congress and for their generous hospitality.

Mr. Chair,

The Islamic Republic of Iran attaches great importance to the United Nations Congresses on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice which, as major intergovernmental forums, are considered as invaluable sources of knowledge, inputs and guidance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and unique platforms for the exchange of views, experiences and best practices at various levels.

We highly value the role and contribution of the Kyoto Congress in promoting international cooperation and supporting Member States' efforts in enhancing effective crime prevention and criminal justice systems. In this regard, the Fourteenth Congress provided a favourable opportunity for Member States to share experiences, perspectives and viewpoints on how we all could strengthen our measures in preventing and combating crimes, deny criminals of safe haven and promote the rule of law at the international level.

Mr. Chair,

The Islamic Republic of Iran highlights the importance of the Declaration in reinforcing the commitments of Member States to the fight against crimes in all its forms and manifestations. We are of the view that respecting the economic, social, legal and cultural specificities of Member States and full observance of and adherence to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law are vital for effective implementation of the Declaration. Such crucial elements should be fully taken into account throughout the follow-ups of the Declaration.

Also, we would like to underline the significance and utility of providing required technical assistance including to developing countries for supporting the implementation of the Declaration and in this respect, we stress that the specific needs, barriers and challenges that Member States face should be taken into account so as to ensure a tailored and effective technical assistance.

In the end, I would like to reiterate, once again, the commitment of the Islamic Republic of Iran to prevent and combat crimes and reaffirm our constructive engagement in the follow-ups of the Kyoto Declaration as well as in the works of the Commission for preparation of the Fifteenth Congress.

I Thank you.