

Statement by the Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Before

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Criminal Justice**

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Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of
crime prevention and criminal justice**

(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters

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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chair,

I would like to begin by thanking you and the secretariat for your commendable work in convening this meeting. Indeed, organizing efforts in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice requires a proper platform to support dialogue and coordinate collective responses, which CCPCJ has proven to be one.

Mr. Chair,

We are all experiencing a difficult time, some more than others, as the corona virus pandemic continues. So far, many have acknowledged a significant rise in threats and malicious activities targeting victims and vulnerable people, putting their lives at risk. We can all agree that this situation both restricts and expands opportunities for various types of crime, while presenting unprecedented challenges for the criminal justice system. Although, much is yet to be determined regarding the dynamic nature of the virus and vast consequences of the pandemic. That is why we, as a community, are in dire need of on-going cooperation to shape effective joint responses.

We believe that with our rapidly changing world and the new and emerging threats, upholding international law is the sole basis for handling these challenges.

Of course, developing and refining a proper framework associated with fighting such crime requires a multilateral approach, addressing specific challenges and keeping in mind the socioeconomic conditions of each region.

In this context, the Islamic Republic of Iran has been proactive in refining and promoting its policies and methods in preventing and combatting transnational organized crime, such as trafficking in persons, while upholding the law enforcements to an even higher standard. Despite all efforts, the unilateral coercive measures which run counter to the very principles and purposes of the UN Charter and the whole spectrum of international law, have made it difficult to allocate resources to this fight. Their negative impacts are even aggravated and deepened with long term application and through a global pandemic, where targeted countries are required to take exceptional measures.

In the end, we would like to stress our determination in taking part in promoting our joint efforts in preventing and combatting crime, hopefully, in a world that provides equal opportunities based on the mutual respect among nations.

I thank you.