

Ceremonial Segment on the 30th Anniversary
of the Commission on Crime Prevention and
Criminal Justice (May 17, 2021)
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Mr. Chair,
Her Excellency Ms. Alma Zadić,
Her Excellency Dr. Marta Cartabia,
Madame Ghada Waly,
Distinguished delegates,

It is my utmost pleasure to address this
Ceremonial Segment to commemorate the
30th anniversary of the CCPCJ.

Japan acknowledges the significant role
that the Commission has played since its
inception in 1992, offering a forum to
exchange expertise, good practice and
information in order to develop national
and international strategies and to identify

priorities in addressing crime.

The Commission has also contributed to enhancing the efficiency and fairness of criminal justice administration systems of the Member States.

As a member for 30 years, and including through UNAFEI, the oldest UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network Institute, Japan has continuously and actively supported the work of the Commission.

Every year, challenges in crime prevention and criminal justice are expanding their geographic scope and amplifying their complexity.

We believe that the role of the Commission will become even more important

henceforth.

Mr. Chair,

As you are aware, the Commission works hand in hand with the UN Crime Congress.

Japan hosted the 14th Congress in Kyoto two months ago and I had the honor to act as the President of the Congress.

I should like to express my sincere gratitude to all the participants of the Kyoto Congress for their rich contributions and warm support, as well as to the Secretariat for its excellent work.

Notwithstanding the challenging situation concerning COVID-19 and the distance from the UN Headquarters, there were more than 5,600 registered participants

from 152 countries.

This record-breaking number of attendees reflects the will of the international community – a strong determination that we must not allow our efforts in combatting crime to lose momentum even during the time of the pandemic and that we need to rebuild solidarity through multilateralism in order to overcome this crisis.

As an outcome document of the Congress, the Kyoto Declaration was adopted by consensus.

Japan, as the host country, is grateful for the strong commitments made by the Member States, and expects the Commission to endorse the Kyoto Declaration.

Let me briefly touch upon Japan's plan on its implementation.

First, we have tabled a draft resolution at this session of the Commission with a vision to create a new UN model strategy focusing on reducing re-offending.

Second, in order to empower youth as active agents of positive change and hear their voices more often, Japan stands ready to hold youth forums regularly.

Third, Japan will contribute to strengthening international cooperation by supporting and creating regional platforms among criminal justice practitioners.

Mr. Chair,

With 9 years left to achieve the 2030 Agenda, we have entered the stage of concrete action, where enhanced policy commitments are vital.

We need to accelerate our efforts in bringing about peace and justice as well as promoting the rule of law, which are the foundation for the attainment of all the SDGs.

In this regard, Japan believes that the Commission is instrumental in carrying out these efforts.

Japan also believes that the Commission is the most suitable forum to translate the Kyoto Declaration into concrete action and in ensuring robust, meaningful and effective follow-up to the Congress.

By supporting the work of the Commission, Japan will continue to work with all stakeholders to realize societies where no one is left behind.

Thank you very much.