

**Statement of Afghanistan Delegation at the
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Ladies and Gentlemen, Good morning/good afternoon!

At the outset, allow me to express, on behalf of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the organizers of this splendid session for providing the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan the opportunity to present its national statement.

Excellency the chairperson, I would like to seek your kind attention to the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice efforts made in the context of Afghanistan under the following themes of Criminal Justice, Combating Trafficking in Persons and Migrants Smuggling, and fighting Corruption:

In Criminal Justice Area:

For the purpose of combating crimes, Afghanistan has made tremendous efforts to codify criminal laws, observe the international conventions and strengthen international cooperation to ensure criminal justice and preserve the human rights values.

As per the commitment to the international community, Afghanistan has taken concrete steps in different arenas such as the codification of the Penal Code, Law on Combat against Administrative Corruption, Law on Elimination of Violence against Women, Law on Combat against Trafficking in Persons and Migrants Trafficking, Law on Combat against Financing of Terrorism and the Law on Combat against Money Laundering.

In Trafficking in Persons & Migrants Smuggling Area:

For the purpose of implementing the provisions of the Law on Combat against Trafficking in Persons and Migrants Smuggling, the government of Afghanistan has established the High Commission to Combat Trafficking in Persons and Migrants Trafficking. The Commission chaired by the Minister of Justice of Afghanistan, has made vigorous coordination amongst the state institutions which resulted into facilitation in the detection of crimes and arrest of human trafficking suspects, addressing cases and bringing to justice the accused of human and migrants trafficking, public awareness, protecting the rights of smuggled migrants and making efforts for coordination in regional and global levels.

The Commission could also identify a large number of networks of Trafficking in Persons and Migrants Smuggling in the country and took the necessary measures, throughout the justice sectors, for the prosecution of perpetrators and protection of the rights of the victims.

In Administrative Corruption Area:

The government of Afghanistan has succeeded to make a series of reforms in relevant areas on the basis of legislative calendar, national priority programs, implementation of commitments of Afghanistan to the international community such as to Brussels and Geneva Conferences

and particularly the National Justice Reforms Program. These reforms include but may not be limited to institutional reforms, combat against administrative corruption, transparency, capacity building, provision of services and amendment to laws and relevant regulations.

For the purpose of combating corruption and attracting the trust of the general public and the international community, the government of Afghanistan has processed and adopted certain legislative documents, particularly, the Penal Code which reflects and criminalized the international crimes such as genocide crime, crime against humanity, war crime and crime of aggression.

In addition to that, the Law on Combating Administrative Corruption, Law on Access to Information, the Law on Protecting Whistleblowers of Administrative Corruption, and the National Strategy to Combat against Corruption are the other legislative documents that Afghanistan has adopted and implements them to end corruption and crimes. It is also mention worthy that very recently the Government of Afghanistan in the light of international convention to combat against corruption, has established the Commission to Combat against Administrative Corruption which reports its findings on cases of Corruption to the President, National Assembly and the people of Afghanistan.

All the same, the Government of Afghanistan has established the Anti-corruption Justice Center which deals with the cases of corruption committed by high ranking governmental officials.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Allow me to assure you that Afghanistan, besides conceiving itself obliged to the International Conventions, is strongly committed towards combating all forms of crimes, especially the trafficking in persons, migrants smuggling and the administrative corruption. But it should not be disregarded that Combating crimes, will undeniably guarantee stability not only in Afghanistan but also brings about positive outcomes in the region and in the world. At the same time, should the coordinated efforts are not conducted within the regional and global countries, Afghanistan would not be able to overcome the fight of corruption.

Considering the fact that Afghanistan has been the biggest victim of international crimes, the efforts of country's justice sector alone does not seem to be adequate to combat these phenomena. Therefore, Afghanistan anticipates that the international community would assist this country in making the required coordination, the development of practical policies and strategies and the prevention of the regional interferences so that it not only fight effectively the corruption but is also able to preserve the values and achievements of the last two decades.

Looking forward for the success of this tremendous conference on the way to put an ending point to the migrants smuggling and corruption and realization of the rule of law and an everlasting stability.

Thank you for your attention!