

Bangladesh Statement
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Mr. Chair (*H.E. Ambassador Mr. Alessandro Cortese – Italy*),

At the beginning, I would like to congratulate you and the members of the Bureau. I assure you of Bangladesh delegation's full support in discharging your important responsibilities during this Session of CCPCJ.

Mr. Chair,

While we align with the statements delivered by Group of 77 & China, and the Asia-Pacific Group, I would like to add the following in my national capacity:

Bangladesh is constitutionally committed to uphold rule of law, fundamental human rights and freedom, equality, and justice for all of her citizens.

We believe, for a sustainable future, we must intensify our collective efforts on crime prevention and criminal justice, within the context of social and economic development.

For us, Agenda 2030 is important to national and global future, and SDG 16 is particularly critical to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

In this context, we have taken various national measures such as the formation of the National Human Rights Commission, the issuance of the Right to Information Act, and governance related initiatives such as annual performance agreement (APA), citizen charter, national integrity strategy (NIS), and grievance redress system (GRS).

Mr. Chair,

We emphasize on full and effective implementation of UNCAC and UNTOC, and their review mechanisms, and to enhance tailor made capacity-building and technical assistance, particularly for LDCs and Countries in Transition, taking into account the realities and priorities of the State Parties.

In line with Chapter 5 of UNCAC, we urge all parties to put their best efforts to prevent illicit financial flows, and to strengthen cooperation at all levels for recovery of illicitly acquired assets, and immediate return of the same to the country of origin.

We appreciate the successful negotiation of the Political Declaration for UNGASS on Corruption, and are looking forward to the Special Session in June.

While we appreciate this Session's thematic focus on effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, as a State Party to UNTOC and the TIP Protocol, Bangladesh underscores the need for a human-rights based and victim-oriented approach to prevent and counter trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants.

Mr. Chair,

We strongly believe that the Kyoto Declaration is a crucial political document for all of us to take appropriate policy and operational measures as well as to strengthen partnerships on crime prevention and criminal justice. While we sincerely thank Japan for successful conclusion of the 14th UN Crime Congress, we urge the Commission for effective follow up of the Kyoto Declaration.

Before I conclude, **Mr. Chair**, Bangladesh strongly condemns the attacks of terrorist nature and violence unleashed on the innocent civilians at the Al-Aqsa mosque compound and in Gaza, the evictions of Palestinian families at the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood and forcible transfer of civilian population in occupied territories; all of which are severe violations of human rights, international laws and accords. Bangladesh considers that there is no pretext that can justify killing of innocent civilians, and urges the international community to take sustainable measures to end such attacks.

Mr. Chair,

Last but not the least, we recognize the important role of UNODC in our collective efforts, and stress on the need for adequate and sustainable resources to effectively implement its mandate.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.