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Mister/Madam Chair,

Liechtenstein wishes you every success in chairing the 30th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in these challenging times.

Covid-19 has fundamentally changed the lives of us all, while heavily impacting living conditions of billions of people - especially in terms of health, education and even securing a livelihood. Inequalities have worsened heavily. All these factors are prime drivers of crime. We need to work together to get back on track to achieve our common goal, a dignified life for all people, leaving no one behind. – the tool is the 2030 Agenda, and in particular its SDG 16 for effective, accountable and inclusive institutions. Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice play a crucial role in achieving this goal, provided all measures taken to fight crime are consistent with and in full respect of the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

A first step was taken at the 14th UN Crime Congress and the adoption of the Kyoto Declaration. Liechtenstein wishes to congratulate the Government of Japan, and is particularly content that the Fight against Trafficking in Persons has a prominent place in the Kyoto Declaration. Liechtenstein contributes to the implementation of the Declaration with its project to combat human trafficking: the “Liechtenstein Initiative on Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking” (FAST). FAST is an international

public-private partnership and Liechtenstein's flagship initiative for the implementation of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development.

Mister/Madam Chair,

We welcome that the Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption adopted the Political Declaration on corruption by consensus and look forward to the final adoption by the Special session of the General Assembly against corruption in June 2021. Liechtenstein welcomes that the declaration makes a strong commitment to end impunity for corruption offences. Liechtenstein also welcomes that the declaration recognizes the links between corruption and other forms of crime. We believe it is of utmost importance that the international community continue to enhance its understanding and strengthen its response to any links, and disrupt them, recognizing that corruption can often be an enabler of other transnational crimes.

Mister/Madam Chair,

Cybercrime poses complex challenges to our security. It is a threat to the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms. And it hinders sustainable development. At the same time, we must ensure that investigative powers and the criminalization of cybercrime are not used to dismantle human rights. Therefore, the regulation of cyberspace needs to be carefully calibrated, in order to find a proper balance between security concerns and the respect for human rights. Finding this balance must

be our primary goal during the process of negotiating a UN Convention on Cybercrime.

Thank you.