



NATIONAL STATEMENT
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AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CCPCJ)
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Mr. President

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

My delegation aligns itself with the Statement made by the Group of 77 and China and the Asia-Pacific Group. We also align with the statement made by the Group of Arab States and the African Group. The following is added in our national capacity.

The new emerging and evolving crimes have become more complex. The world is currently facing the unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19 pandemic. We note that this pandemic has also impacted the way we prevent and combat transnational organized crime. Over the years, we have all witnessed an increase of cases involving terrorism, violence and other illicit activities happening globally. This unprecedented experience has enabled us to explore new methods to manage these threats, in a more versatile way.

Crime prevention is a huge task, in which no country would be able to deal with it alone. Hence, Malaysia underscores the need to enhance international cooperation by sharing of best practices, experience, conducting regular exchange of information and intelligence. This also includes capacity building programmes. In this regard, Malaysia underlines the importance of comprehensive strategies, strong coordination and integration between security and law enforcement agencies, at the national, regional and international level.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Malaysia has successfully introduced three important milestones in crime prevention and criminal justice in our country.

Firstly, we have implemented the National Action Plan on Anti-Trafficking in Persons 2021-2025. This Plan outlined the national efforts to eradicate and combat the trafficking in persons, focusing on the areas of prevention, rehabilitation, protection, and prosecution.

Secondly, we have introduced the amendments to the Prevention of Crime Act 1959. It has enabled police to take effective preventive measures against those who commit offences listed under the Act.

Thirdly, we have revised our policies on the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Terrorism Financing Regime. We have successfully introduced two policy documents to further prevent proliferation financing.

Bilaterally, Malaysia has and will continue to conclude security arrangement in the forms of Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding with like-minded countries. This is to forge strategic cooperation in the field of crime prevention, investigation, and prosecution.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) is to uphold and promote the rule of law at all levels. Hence, we should strive to ensure respect for the rule of law and safeguarding of criminal justice. It became obvious when we choose to disregard the rule of law and the principles of international law, it destroys the value of peace and humanity. Pursuant to this, any act of aggression and violation of human rights will result to innocent civilians' suffering from its consequences.

I would like to share an excerpt from the Joint Leaders Statement of Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam on the Escalation of Violence by Israelis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, as follows:

Quote:

***“We condemn in the strongest term the repeated blatant violations and aggressions, carried out by the Israelis, targeting civilians throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, which has killed, injured and caused suffering to many, including women and children. We are also gravely concerned with the illegal expansion of settlements; and the demolitions and seizures of Palestinian-owned structures across the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.*”**

We also unreservedly condemn the flagrant violations of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, perpetrated by Israel, the Occupying Power, through its inhumane, colonial and apartheid policies towards the Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and therefore call for an urgent and responsible collective action to ensure the necessary accountability for such violations.

We call upon all parties to exercise maximum restraint, cease attacks against civilians, to take steps in de-escalating the situation and to uphold international law and order. We urge both parties to accept a temporary international presence in the City of Al-Quds, to monitor the cessation of hostilities in the Occupied Territory of Palestine.

We call upon the international community to remain resolute in their commitment to safeguarding the “two-state solution” towards achieving an independent State of Palestine, based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

We reiterate our solidarity with, and commitment to the Palestinian people, including their rights to self-determination, and the creation of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine”.

End Quote

Finally, I would like to assure that Malaysia’s presence here demonstrates our continued political will and commitment to further strengthen international collaboration towards crime prevention and criminal justice.

Thank you.