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Mr. Chair, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

While Poland fully aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, I would like to offer some additional remarks.

This year, the Commission celebrates its 30. anniversary and its work is greatly appreciated. Over those years, it used its convening power to allow for exchange of information and good practices, share information on new challenges in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and build international support to launch and elaborate the crime and corruption conventions.

It helped improve international action to prevent and combat national and transnational crime and efficiency and fairness of criminal justice administration systems.

All decisions of the Commission have been taken by consensus, and this is a value in itself. It creates ownership of every Member State with regard to each and every decision and contributes to their universal implementation.

It is true for the resolutions of the Commission, it is true for the crime and corruption conventions, it is true for the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the Congress in Kyoto in March this year and it will apply to the outcome document to be adopted at the UN General Assembly Special Session on Corruption in June.

Effective implementation of international legal instruments, in particular implementation of the provisions related to international cooperation, as we all know requires broad political support. Now that the international community is about to start elaborating a new convention against cybercrime, we should spare no effort to gain support of every member state for each and every provision of the convention.

We firmly believe that only concerted international efforts can be effective in the fight against the evolving threats of crime and will thus contribute to making progress necessary to achieve development.

We are fully committed and stand ready to engage.

I thank you.