

**STATEMENT OF VIET NAM AT THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF  
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*Mr. Chairman,*

The Delegation of Viet Nam joins the other delegations in congratulating you on your election and presents our full support. We are confident that under your excellent stewardship, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will continue to assume successfully the role of the principal policy-making body of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

Viet Nam associates itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China and the statement of the Asia Pacific Group.

*Mr. Chairman,*

*Distinguished Delegates,*

Besides the focus on economic development, the suppression of crime remains among the top priorities of Viet Nam throughout the year 2020. Viet Nam's authorities have brought the crackdown on 40,026 cases of criminal activities whereas 3,070 criminal gangs have been dismantled in the last 12 months. Significant achievements of Viet Nam in crime countering as well as pandemic control has been recognized by international community.

In this regard, since our last discussion on substantive issues in CCPCJ 28<sup>th</sup> session, Viet Nam has adopted a series of laws, regulations and policies aiming at effective crime prevention and criminal justice responses in line with Viet Nam's commitments. Particularly, being inspired from the application of UN standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, Previously, the National Assembly in 2015 adopted the Criminal Code allowing jail sentences to be replaced by financial penalty regarding less severe offenses relating to economic, environment or administrative matters. In 2019, the Government promulgated two decrees providing guidance for the effective execution of criminal judgments relating to legal entities as well as application of information and communication

technologies in crime suppression. In March 2021, the Prime Minister approved the Program on human trafficking prevention and combat in the 2021-2025 period with visions towards 2030, which provides for the establishment of a inter-agency system to collect updated data on human trafficking, aiming at making more effective policies on countering this crime.

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During the last 18 months, the global economy and public health have suffered terribly from the outbreak of the once in a century pandemic. COVID-19 has shown more clearly the severe fragility of our world and the acute limits of our capacity to address such global challenges. Fragility is not limited to national or regional borders. It is deep-seated in chronic poverty, food and water insecurities, social and income inequality, which all are root causes of crime.

In the context of the pandemic, crime thrives during the time of social and economic unrest. Apparently, COVID-19 did not stop the illegal activities of human traffickers and migrant smugglers, and even created loopholes for emerging kinds of criminals to take actions, including cybercrime, hate crime and violence against Asians.

Facing these challenges, in our view, cooperation among countries is needed now more than ever.

Viet Nam has continued effective collaborations with partners through INTERPOL, ASEANPOL as well as through bilateral, regional and international channels. We also highly appreciate UNODC's provisions of capacity building for law enforcement of Viet Nam in countering terrorism, terrorism financing and foreign terrorist fighters. Last month, in the ASEAN Regional Forum framework, Viet Nam joint China and Russia in co-chairing the ARF Workshop on Countering the Use of Information and Communication Technologies for Criminal Purposes. We support the on-going process to elaborate a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes in implementation of UNGA resolution 74/247.

We firmly believe that the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission will establish a solid foundation for the implementation of outcomes of 14<sup>th</sup> Crime Congress as well as the Kyoto Declaration. In particular, Viet Nam stands ready to join the discussion on reducing reoffending, effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling

of migrants, and world crime trends and emerging issues and response in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice to share practices and experience. We look forward to fruitful results thereof.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.