

Mr. Chair, Executive Director of the UNODC, Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

My name is Tsenguunbileg Naranpurev (Tessie), I am 21 years old. Born and raised in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia, and now currently studying law as an undergraduate at Nagoya University, Japan. I aspire to become one of the youth ambassadors, to represent, ensure and advocate for youth's input to the United Nations.

Therefore, I would like to show my deepest gratitude for giving me the opportunity to address the CCPCJ.

Distinguished delegates,

Few weeks ago, I was honoured and privileged to serve as the Chair of the 1st Global Youth Forum for a Culture of Lawfulness, held in hybrid format on the 9th and 10th of October in Tokyo.

The Global Youth Forum brought together around 120 youths from 41 countries to discuss under the overall theme, "The role of youth in achieving a diverse and inclusive society".

By recognizing and accepting the diverse cultural backgrounds and perspectives

that were presented, after two days of constructive deliberations, we were able to share, learn, and work jointly to make recommendations on youth participation in inclusive society, for the consideration of the CCPCJ.

Distinguished delegates,

Now, let me briefly introduce the essence of the recommendations made under each of the two subgroup topics.

Under the first subgroup topic, “Reaching the age of adulthood and participation in society”, we propose youth participation in these ways:

First – governments should promote meaningful youth participation in government decision making, through measures such as holding town hall meetings, raising awareness on civic engagement, and ensuring freedom of speech and protest

Second – governments should expand access to, and youth opportunities for decent jobs, particularly vocational training, internships and career services

Third – governments, NGOs and international organizations should provide more avenues for young people to represent themselves regardless of their social background, especially through holding youth forums and councils.

Next, under the second subgroup topic, “Crime prevention and criminal justice in the post-COVID-19 world – youth participation in achieving an inclusive society”, we need governments’ support in these ways:

First – Governments should support initiatives of young people to tackle crime challenges, provide opportunities for youth and young offenders to interact, and reintegrate. This includes volunteer mentors/advisors for juveniles, media platform to provide networking opportunities, and easy access to legal advice for youth;

Second – Governments should become flexible in adopting policies and practices, responding to pressing needs of young people in need of support. Governments should share good practices and strengthen international cooperation;

Third – Governments should promote education curriculum for youth to raise awareness of safe usage of ICT, which later can help young people to familiarize with technology, so that they can prevent prejudice and become skilled against cybercrime such as online harassment, bias-motivated crimes, as well as online trafficking of drugs targeting children and youth.

And now, Distinguished delegates,

As the representative of the participants of the Global Youth Forum, I hereby submit the recommendations to the Chair of the CCPCJ through the UNODC Secretariat.

In concluding, I wish to say that the main motive I am sharing this today, is because I have a faith in youth future. We are people full of hope who brings joy, we have the fundamental power to shift the direction of the society, also we are the key to the current social challenges that the world faces.

I believe the CCPCJ and UNODC is foreseeing the world's future through the same lens as youths. That is why I believe, there is a reason that I am presenting here to represent young people, and there is an apparent reason that distinguished delegates are hearing us at this moment, today.

Therefore, I hope that our voices will be given momentous, genuine consideration, reflected in the discussions during the CCPCJ and will contribute to joint efforts for a peaceful and inclusive world.

Thank you very much.