

Bangladesh Statement
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Mr. Chair (H.E. Ambassador Hikihara Takeshi - Japan),

At the beginning, I would like to congratulate you and the members of the Bureau. I assure you of Bangladesh delegation's full support in discharging your important responsibilities during this Session of CCPCJ.

Mr. Chair,

While we align with the statements delivered by Group of 77 & China, and the Asia-Pacific Group, I would like to add the following in my national capacity:

Bangladesh is constitutionally committed to uphold rule of law, fundamental human rights and freedom, equality, and justice for all of her citizens.

We believe, for a sustainable future, we must intensify our collective efforts on crime prevention and criminal justice, within the context of social and economic development.

For us, Agenda 2030 is important to national and global future, and SDG 16 is particularly critical to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

In this context, we have taken various national measures such as the formation of the National Human Rights Commission, the issuance of the Right to Information Act, and governance related initiatives such as annual performance agreement (APA), citizen charter, national integrity strategy (NIS), and grievance redress system (GRS).

Mr. Chair,

We strongly believe that the Kyoto Declaration is a crucial political document for all of us to take appropriate policy and operational measures as well as to strengthen partnerships on crime prevention and criminal justice. While we sincerely thank Japan for hosting the 14th UN Crime Congress and the leadership in the follow-up process, we urge the Commission for effective implementation and follow up of the Declaration.

We emphasize on full and effective implementation of UNCAC and UNTOC, and their review mechanisms, and to enhance tailor made capacity-building and technical assistance, particularly for LDCs and Countries in Transition, taking into account the realities and priorities of the State Parties.

In line with Chapter 5 of UNCAC, we urge all parties to put their best efforts to prevent illicit financial flows, and to strengthen cooperation at all levels for recovery of illicitly acquired assets, and immediate return of the same to the country of origin.

We congratulate the Government of Egypt for successfully hosting the 9th session of the UNCAC COSP and welcome its outcome documents, while we reiterate our commitment to the Political Declaration adopted during the UNGASS against corruption in June 2021.

Mr. Chair,

We appreciate this Session's thematic focus on 'Strengthening the use of digital evidence in criminal justice and countering cybercrime, including the abuse and exploitation of minors in illegal activities with the use of the Internet', and believe that our deliberations will be duly reflected at the negotiations for a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communication technologies for criminal purposes within the framework of the United Nations.

Mr. Chair,

Last but not the least, we recognize the important role of UNODC in our collective efforts and the leadership of Her Excellency Ghada Waly, and stress on the need for adequate and sustainable resources to effectively implement UNODC's mandate.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.