

**STATEMENT**  
**of the Delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan**  
**at the General Debate of the 31<sup>st</sup> session**  
**of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**  
*(May 16-20, 2022, Vienna)*

**Dear Mr. Chairman,**

First, let me congratulate you and the distinguished members of the bureau with your appointment and assure you of the support of our delegation. I am confident that under your able leadership, this session will be successful.

**Your Excellencies,**  
**Distinguished participants,**

This year marks **30 years since Kazakhstan has joined the UN** as an independent member state. Over these years, a great amount of work has been done by our country to contribute to the international cooperation in the field of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Kazakhstan is a party to the **Convention against Corruption** and the **Convention against Transnational Organized Crime** and its three protocols and is committed to their implementation, including via the respective **Review Mechanisms**. In 2019, Kazakhstan became the third country in the world to ratify, accede or otherwise become party to all **19 international legal instruments against terrorism**.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Kazakhstan welcomes the extension of the **UNODC Programme for Central Asia** as well as the **Regional Programme for Afghanistan and its neighboring countries** for the period of 2022-2025. We believe **Executive Secretary H.E. Madame Ghada Waly's visit to Central Asia** in November-December of last year has underlined the importance of security and stability in the wider region for the international community, including the UN.

We especially appreciate UNODC's support to the **modernization of our law enforcement system**, to the rehabilitation and reintegration efforts of Kazakh citizens returned from conflict zones. We are also thankful for the opening of the **Office of the Regional Advisor on Corruption** and appreciate his help to our national agencies.

**Distinguished participants,**

Kazakhstan continues to support the UNODC with **voluntary contributions**. Last year's contribution was used for Strengthening the Capacities of Kazakhstan Authorities to Combat Cybercrime. On 25-27 April in Nur-Sultan the UN Cyber Team conducted a practical training on investigating money laundering with bitcoins.

**Several Memoranda of Understanding** are signed between the UN and our relevant national authorities such as the Anti-Corruption Agency and the General Prosecutor's Office. Within the framework of the latter, the Law Enforcement Academy under the GPO has become a **Regional Hub for Countering Global Threats** such as terrorism, human trafficking, financial, drug and cybercrime. To this day, almost 2 000 law enforcement and government officials were trained there, including 229 law enforcement officers from Kyrgyzstan, Belarus, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Tajikistan, and Pakistan.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Kazakhstan is committed to strengthening its cooperation with all the relevant actors to contribute to the international and regional stability and security.

Let me express my confidence that the decisions adopted at this session will be an important step in enhancing the effectiveness of anti-drug measures.

In conclusion, I would like wish successful deliberations to all participants of this session.

**Thank you for your attention.**