



**Statement by H.E. Mr. Ikram Mohammad Ibrahim
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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China and the Asia-Pacific Group and would like to add the following in our national capacity.

Malaysia reaffirms the crucial role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in bringing Member States together to tackle common and shared challenges, and Malaysia remains committed to play its part in this regard.

Malaysia reiterates its call for greater international efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda, which includes a commitment to promoting peaceful, inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all, building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

We appreciate and support the valuable work of UNODC in supporting Member States' efforts on crime prevention and criminal justice. We are pleased with the total of 66 capacity building programmes with Malaysia's participation conducted by UNODC, from January 2021 to March 2022. We are pleased to note that there are 40 programmes planned by UNODC involving Malaysia in the second half of 2022.

In 2021, Malaysia's crime index has decreased by 19.3 per cent to 52,974 cases as compared to 65,623 cases in 2020. This was the result of our "whole-of-government" approach which connects the efforts of all the relevant ministries and agencies in crime prevention and criminal justice.

In addition, Malaysia works closely with various NGOs and CSOs. We emphasize that education, public awareness and a strong community support are crucial to the success of our efforts.

Malaysia underscores the need to enhance international cooperation by sharing best practices and experiences, conducting regular exchange of information and intelligence, and capacity building. Malaysia stresses the importance of comprehensive strategies, strong coordination and integration between security and law enforcement agencies, at the national, regional and international level.

We should ensure that children are protected from all forms of neglect, abuse, violence, and exploitation. Malaysia's commitment is evident in the establishment of the Special Court for Sexual Crimes against Children in June 2017, the first of its kind in Southeast Asia, aimed at accelerating the hearings of sexual crime cases against children while protecting the interests and wellbeing of child victims and the needs of child witnesses.

Malaysia deplores the rise of hate crimes, in particular Islamophobia, around the world and, in this regard, underlines the importance of respect for religious, ethnic and cultural diversity, and call upon all States to promote a culture of tolerance and respect among individuals, societies and nations.

Finally, Malaysia's presence here demonstrates our continued political will and commitment to further strengthen international collaboration on crime prevention and criminal justice.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.