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Mr. Chair,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to start by congratulating you, Mr. Chair, and Members of the Bureau for their election to the 31st session of the Commission. We look forward to a productive session under your able chairmanship. We also thank the UNODC Secretariat for their efforts in successfully organising this session.

Mongolia aligns itself to the statements delivered earlier on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and the Asia Pacific Group. I would like to add the following in my national capacity.

First, Mongolia has adopted the "Vision-2050" long-term development policy that set forth 9 fundamental goals, which are closely aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, focusing on human development, good governance, peaceful and safe society. Within this framework, Mongolia has taken relevant regulatory measures in improving our legal system and amending necessary laws in areas of rule of law, freedom of individuals, criminal justice, crime prevention and fight against corruption through adopting international best practices.

Crime prevention and fight against criminal activities require concerted effort. We support the work of the Commission as an important forum that provides exchange of views, experiences and good practices between member states in responding to our common challenges we face today. Mongolia fully supports the enhancing of international cooperation and technical assistance in this regard.

Second, we reaffirm our commitment towards the objectives set forth by the multilateral agenda including the 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in March 2021, the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly in June 2021 and the 9th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption in December 2021 and have ensured our participation with high-level delegation despite the challenging situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mongolia is also actively participating in the review mechanisms of the UNCAC and UNTOC and is working closely with various initiatives of the UNODC including Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (STaR), Global Resource for Anti-Corruption Education and Youth Empowerment (GRACE) initiative and the Global Programme for Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime. We thank the UNODC Secretariat and the Programme teams for their valuable support.

Third, we welcome the thematic discussion of this session of *“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”*.

Cybercrime threatens all States, but effective international cooperation on cybercrime is even more important for small states in enhancing their capacity to combat and prevent transnational cybercrime. We are of the view that this thematic discussion will help us better prepare for the way forward as member states are currently formulating a global instrument to effectively address this challenge.

Mr. Chair, let me conclude by reaffirming our support to the work of the Commission and the UNODC, and our commitment to continue working with all delegations.

I thank you.