

Bangladesh Statement
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Madam Chair (H.E. Mary Wangui Mugwanja - Kenya),

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.

Madam Chair,

While we align with the statements delivered by the 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, we must intensify our collective efforts on crime prevention and criminal justice, within the context of social and economic development, for a sustainable future.

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, adoption of the Right to Information Act, and governance related initiatives such as Annual Performance Agreement (APA), National Integrity Strategy (NIS), and Grievance Redress System (GRS).

Madam 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. We urge this Commission for effective implementation and follow up of the Declaration.

We would also like to 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.

While we reiterate our commitment to the Political Declaration adopted during the UNGASS against corruption in June 2021, we would like to see effective follow-up of the outcome documents of the 9th session of the UNCAC COSP.

Madam Chair,

We appreciate this Session's thematic focus on 'Enhancing the functioning of the criminal justice system to ensure access to justice and to realize a safe and secure society'.

At the same time, we also appreciate the progress made so far by the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes, within the framework of the United Nations, and we would like to engage constructively with all delegations in the next session to reasonably accommodate the concerns of all Member States.

Madam Chair,

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

Thank you, Madam Chair.