

32nd CCPCJ – Finland’s statement — agenda item 3, General debate

Distinguished Chair,

Dear colleagues,

Let me start by congratulating you, Madam Chair, for your election as Chair of this 32th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. My delegation wishes to ensure our full cooperation with you and this Commission.

We would like to express our gratitude for the organisation and preparation of this meeting and we look forward to the discussions on thematic agenda item on enhancing the functioning of the criminal justice system to ensure access to justice and to realize a safe and secure society.

Regrettably, Russia’s unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine continues to hamper international cooperation. Finland stands in full solidarity with Ukraine and firmly supports Ukraine’s independence, sovereignty, self-determination and territorial integrity.

Madam Chair,

Equal access to justice for all is a fundamental part of the rule of law. It also promotes peaceful and inclusive societies, as laid down in number 16 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Legislation must support equal access to justice for all. Equal access to justice shall never be hindered by various factors that all too easily put people into different positions in society. Our delegation will address the floor again during the thematic discussion on this subject.

Lastly, Madam Chair,

Finland is truly honored to have been elected a member of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as of 2024. The field of work of the Commission is vital for peaceful and safe societies where nobody is left behind. We will do our utmost to contribute constructively to the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Thank you Madam Chair.