

STATEMENT
of the Delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan
at the General Debate of the 32nd session
of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
(May 22-26, 2023, Vienna)

**Dear Madame Chair,
President of the General Assembly,
Executive Director of the UNODC,
Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Firstly, allow me congratulate H.E. Ms. Mary Wangui MUGWANJA of Kenya and the distinguished members of the bureau with their appointment and assure them of our delegation's support.

Distinguished participants,

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**.

Last year we joined the **Group of Friends of the Nelson Mandela Rules**, or the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners. Earlier, in 2019, we saw the opening of the first ever **Scientific and Educational Centre for the Nelson Mandela Rules** at the base of the Kostanay Academy of the Ministry of Interior.

In January this year the Ministry of Interior of Kazakhstan has adopted its **Development Plan for 2023-2027**. One of its goals is the development and approximation of the penitentiary system to international standards, including via reducing the rate of re-offending among persons on probation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

All these efforts are part of the wider reforms in the political, law enforcement and penitentiary systems, which have been consistently adopted by Kazakhstan in the last 30 years as an independent country and a member of the international community.

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 in this regard.

We are also thankful for the opening of the **Office of the Regional Advisor on Cybercrime**, which is especially important given the work of the **Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes**. Kazakhstan's **voluntary contribution** this year is also supporting the **Global Programme on Cybercrime**.

Distinguished participants,

I would like to take this opportunity to announce our **membership bid in the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for the term 2025 to 2027**. This is the first time Kazakhstan is seeking membership in this esteemed body. I believe our country has a lot to share in the field of police and prison reform, including prison population reduction, as well as rehabilitation, reintegration and prosecution of citizens that have been returned from conflict zones. Kazakhstan is committed to strengthening its cooperation with all the relevant actors to contribute to the international and regional stability and security.

Allow 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.