



**Statement by the Representative of Malaysia  
at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the United Nations Commission  
on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice  
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Madam Chair,

My delegation aligns itself with the statements of the Group of 77 and the Asia-Pacific Group, and would like to add some remarks in our national capacity.

The Commission remains an indispensable platform in bringing Member States together to tackle shared challenges on crime prevention and criminal justice, including through collaborations and developing common understanding. Malaysia remains committed to enhancing coordination and cooperation at all levels on crime prevention and criminal justice, in accordance with the relevant international legal conventions and UN resolutions, primarily aimed at achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Malaysia continues to be a beneficiary of the various capacity-building programmes organised by the UNODC. We have greatly benefited from such programmes for decades. We commend the UNODC in this regard and look forward to continuing our partnership with the office.

In 2022, Malaysia's crime index decreased by 4.1 per cent – to 50,819 cases as compared to 52,974 cases in 2021. To a certain extent, this

achievement may be credited to our meaningful cooperation with the UNODC and other UN entities.

At the Southeast Asian regional level, Malaysia remains engaged with our immediate neighbouring countries in addressing transnational crime, including trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, drug trafficking and cross-border smuggling of goods. Such crimes have shown a dramatic increase during the post-pandemic period, signifying the evolving challenges and realities our law enforcement agencies are facing. This notwithstanding, we are thankful for the strong cooperation from our neighbouring countries, including through the various existing ASEAN frameworks.

Finally, Malaysia reiterates its call for greater regional and international efforts to curb corruption. Member States should take urgent measures to prevent, prosecute and deter all forms of corruption, as well as further improve measures to identify, trace, freeze, seize and recover illicitly acquired assets and to ensure their speedy return to the country of origin. Member States should also hold any person who has committed or is liable for an act of corruption accountable, and recover the proceeds from such crime, as well as denying a safe haven for persons and proceeds of their crimes.

I thank you, Madam Chair.