

## THAILAND

### **32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Agenda Item 3: General Debate**

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Madam Chair,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. It is an honour and pleasure for me to represent Thailand at the 32<sup>nd</sup> CCPCJ. Please allow me to congratulate you, Madam Chair, on your election to preside over this session.

2. Having been through times of unprecedented challenges in crime prevention and criminal justice during the COVID-19 pandemic, I am very glad to be here in-person and to have the opportunity to see all of you today.

3. Thailand recognizes the importance of ensuring a safe and secure society, as well as a society in which people can gain equal access to justice. We have continuously worked with agencies and other stakeholders to create strong networks as well as to maximize the use of technology and innovation to achieve these goals. I would like to elaborate further as follows:

4. First, Thailand has recently enacted a law on the prevention of repeated sexual or violent criminal offenses. This law adopts a system of monitoring former sexual or violent offenders who pose a risk to society. At the same time, the law also focuses on the rehabilitation and treatment of past offenders. Civil society is also encouraged to assist through the Volunteer Probation Officer scheme.

5. Second, with the cooperation of the private sector, Thailand has established a “Correctional Industrial Estate” to mitigate prison overcrowding and to provide occupational training for inmates, who will then be assigned to work in industrial estates or designated private sectors.

6. Third, Thailand recognizes the serious gravity of online child sexual exploitation. We are moving forward with a new law which aims to prevent online offenses on children, including online grooming, cyber stalking and cyber bullying.

We also welcome cooperation with international agencies, especially in the areas of information sharing and the enhancement of competencies of frontline officers.

7. Fourth, Thailand recognizes the importance of fundamental rights and welfare of prisoners. We continue to reaffirm our commitment to the implementation of the Nelson Mandela Rules, the Bangkok Rules and other international prison standards and norms.

8. Fifth, Thailand strives to provide equal, convenient and timely access to justice for the people in all regions of Thailand through Provincial Justice Offices. We provide guidelines to facilitate victims of crimes and unfair treatment in accordance with international standards.

9. In conclusion, Thailand reaffirms our support for the Commission in promoting an accountable, responsive, and inclusive criminal justice system. We stand ready to work with the Commission to accomplish this mission through concerted efforts at all levels. In this regard, Thailand would like to express our determination to extend our membership to the CCPCJ for the term 2025-2027.

10. I wish this Commission successful and fruitful deliberations.

Thank you.

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