

REMARKS

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Excellencies,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Greetings from Indonesia.

1. I am pleased to take part in this high-level segment of the *14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice*. I wish to express my appreciation to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Government of Japan for their commitment and dedication in making this event possible.

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2. This conference is both timely and significant in addressing issues of common concern related to crime prevention, criminal justice, and the rule of law, while honouring commitments to leave no one behind in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
3. The theme of *Advancing Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law: Towards the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda* is in line with the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 where we strive to enable the peoples of ASEAN to live in a just, democratic, and harmonious

environment. I would therefore like to share **three ways** in which ASEAN has done this.

4. Firstly, strengthening the rule of law as well as preventing and combating crimes, including transnational crimes, is high in the ASEAN integration and community building agenda. Over the years, the ASEAN Community Pillars have enhanced or established the necessary legal frameworks and institutions to support a rules-based, people-oriented, and people-centred ASEAN Community.
5. Secondly, we have been convening the *ASEAN Conference on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice*, under the *ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting* mechanism. This event is an important platform that gives ASEAN policymakers and experts from various sectoral bodies the opportunity to address cross-cutting issues such as crime prevention and criminal justice from a more holistic approach.
6. Thirdly, the adoption and implementation of the *ASEAN Declaration on Culture of Prevention for a Peaceful, Resilient, Healthy and Harmonious Society* advances crime prevention and criminal justice from the perspective of preventive measures.

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7. All these initiatives demonstrate ASEAN's strong commitment to the UN 2030 Agenda and the realisation of the SDGs. The recent establishment of the *ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue*, further strengthens this as the Centre aims to advance the complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the UN 2030 Agenda.
8. In addition to these efforts, ASEAN has collectively responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes the adoption of the *ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework and its Implementation Plan*, the *Declaration on an ASEAN Travel Corridor Arrangement*

Framework, as well as the establishment of the *ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases*. The pandemic continues to pose great challenges and difficulties, slowing economic growth and disrupting lives and livelihoods around the world.

9. Despite these circumstances, the convening of the 14th UN Crime Congress demonstrates the resilience and strong determination of the international community to work together in addressing issues of common interests and concerns.
10. I am confident that delegates from participating countries and international organisations will use this conference to explore new ideas and initiatives in working together in strengthening crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law as well as achieving the UN 2030 Agenda.
11. I look forward to a productive exchange of views and successful outcome of the 14th UN Crime Congress.

Thank you.
