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Madam President,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China and would like to add the following in its national capacity. Malaysia would also like to commend the Government of Japan for hosting this very important event, especially during this difficult times.

Madam President,

The new emerging and evolving crimes have become more complex, as the world is currently facing the unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19 pandemic. We note that this pandemic has also impacted the way we prevent and combat transnational organized crime. As we have witnessed an increase of cases involving terrorism, violence and other illicit activities

happening globally, it has enabled us to explore new methods in managing these new threats, in a more versatile and holistic way.

Crime prevention is a huge task, in which no country would be able to deal with it alone. Hence, Malaysia underscores the need to enhance international cooperation by sharing of best practices, experience, conducting regular exchange of information and intelligence, including capacity building. In this regard, Malaysia underlines the importance of comprehensive strategies, strong coordination and integration between security and law enforcement agencies, at the national, regional and international level.

Madam President,

Since 2015, Malaysia has successfully introduced three important developments in the area of crime prevention and criminal justice in our country.

Firstly, the amendment of the Prevention of Crime Act 1959, which came into operation on 15 December 2017. This amendment has enabled police to take a more effective preventive measures against those who commit offences listed under the Act.

Secondly, the implementation of the National Action Plan on Anti-Trafficking in Persons 2016 to 2020, to guide the direction and efforts in combating trafficking in persons in Malaysia.

Thirdly, the revision of Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Terrorism Financing Regime by introducing two policy documents, to further prevent proliferation financing.

Bilaterally, Malaysia has and will continue to conclude security arrangement in the forms of Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding with like-minded countries, to forge strategic cooperation in the field of crime prevention, investigation and prosecution.

Finally, I would like to assure that Malaysia's presence here demonstrates our continued political will and commitment to further strengthen international collaboration towards crime prevention and criminal justice.

Thank you.