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Thank you, Mr./Madame Chairperson,

It's a pleasure to have this opportunity to introduce UNAFEI and its contributions to the Kyoto Congress.

UNAFEI was established in 1962 and is the oldest UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network Institute (PNI). UNAFEI has been supporting the UN programmes primarily by providing training programmes for criminal justice personnel. In the programmes, UNAFEI targets the priority areas of the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, and disseminates relevant UN standards and norms, the SDGs and good practices pertaining to their implementation.

UNAFEI's alumni form a strong international network, which now consists of more than 6,000 former participants from 139 jurisdictions; many have been serving in important positions within their governments and have been playing leading roles in the field of criminal justice.

Despite the COVID pandemic, UNAFEI has continued to provide training and successfully enhanced its global network of criminal justice practitioners by making effective use of online communications platforms.

Mr./Madame Chairperson,

As the PNI member in the host country, UNAFEI is playing an active role in this Congress, in particular by organizing Workshop 2 on reducing reoffending in cooperation with the UNODC and the Thailand Institute of Justice.

The overall goal of reducing reoffending should be accomplished by ensuring each offender's rehabilitation and reintegration into society. To this end, it is crucial to ensure rehabilitative processes and environments throughout the pathway towards successful social reintegration. In ensuring this, a focus should be given to the following four points: 1) effective interventions and support tailored to each individual's needs; 2) where appropriate, the imposition of less restrictive sanctions, and active and adequate use of non-custodial measures; 3) continuity of interventions and support throughout the process; and 4) adopting a multi-faceted and multi-stakeholder approach.

Having these in mind, as the PNI responsible for organizing Workshop 2, UNAFEI will actively follow-up on the outcomes of the workshop and the Congress by conducting technical assistance programmes focusing on reducing reoffending, and will contribute to the development of the new proposed UN standards and norms on this issue.

Thank you very much for your attention.