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**“Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law:
towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda”**

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Distinguished Representatives,
Ladies and gentlemen,

1. I am honoured to be here on behalf of the Department of Peace Operations and representing the United Nations Police. We occupy a unique role among the world's police, with about 11,000 women and men from over 90 countries authorized by the Security Council to serve on the frontlines in 16 peace operations.
2. In addition, since the establishment in 2012 of the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law arrangement, in which UNODC is a key partner, there has been a steady increase in demand for UN Police assistance and expertise in non-mission settings around the world.
3. Last year, we celebrated 60 years of UN policing. Since our first deployment in the Congo, the form that UN policing takes has continued to evolve in line with changing conflict dynamics on the ground, but our core functions have remained the same: We deploy to assist host-State authorities to maintain law and order, protect civilians, and engage with local populations, but also to support the development of host-State police and other law enforcement institutions.
4. To ensure a more coherent approach to the provision of operational and capacity-building support, we have developed with Member States and partners, a doctrinal framework called the Strategic Guidance Framework for International Policing, or SGF, which serves as a blueprint for human rights-compliant, gender-responsive and evidence-based policing in full conformity with international norms and standards in crime prevention and criminal justice.
5. I encourage everyone here to take advantage of the guidance developed under the SGF, which is freely available on our website: police.un.org/SGF.
6. It goes without saying that the objectives of lasting peace and sustainable development can only be achieved when there is full equality in the application of the rule of law and widespread trust in the justice and security institutions from all sectors of society.
7. Therefore, to advance the Secretary-General's Action for Peacekeeping initiative, the 2030 Agenda and other frameworks, the UN Police stand ready to respond to your requests for policing assistance from across the entire peace and security spectrum. Thank you.