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CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Collection of inputs and suggestions from participants and provision of information on relevant activities, including those related to meeting technical assistance needs (para. 53 (i) and (j) of the Procedures and Rules for the functioning of the mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of UNTOC.

Mr Chair,

Distinguished participants; Civil Society Groups, Academia and everyone here present. Institut De Diplomatie Publique as a community is very encouraged with the attention given to the issue of transnational organized crime by United Nations. Crimes, be it national or transnational is a threat to any society and infringes on the human right of others to live in peace and security obstructing the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals. Hence, we are delighted on the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's assemblage on this constructive dialogue with relevant stakeholders, of which Institut De Diplomatie Publique is duly considered as a positive alternative to government-sponsored model for public diplomacy. The institute is an independent-volunteer driven membership organization that promotes sustainable development through multistakholder diplomacy. Public Diplomacy Community plays a vital and irreplaceable role in the global fight against organized crime through negotiations and facilitation of international groups on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.

The impact of transnational organized crime is a scourge that threaten global peace and security of human lives. Organized crime is committed to all and sundry, involving diverse genders as perpetrators and victims. Imperatively, a gender, human rights and victim centered approaches will be key in countering organized crime. Gender shapes our experiences as humans, it plays a significant role in the scheme relating to organized crime. It will be important that we recognize patterns and trends in building solutions that are appealing to both men and women as crime affects both men and women, with varying risk and victimization profiles. Gender dimensions to organized crimes and underlying the need for a gender-centered interventions to

protect human beings (victims; discriminating, marginalized and vulnerable) from these crimes. Greater attention should be paid to gender perspectives as combating organized crime requires a multifaceted approach to restrict perpetrators (terrorists) and to strengthen the rule of law globally for increased transparency and accountability. Organized crimes are targeted at either individual, group of individuals or nation (s) as victims. In order to protect and support victims of organized crime, the adaptation of an approach that encourages investigations emanating from victims narration of an incidence is vital and to cooperate with agencies and institutions where necessary in identifying criminals for prosecution. The approach will require a centralized reporting platform either online and in person irrespective of nation or distance. Taking advantage and applying technological innovations for global purpose, creating awareness on member states on the centralized point. A regulatory team in all member states for immediate distress response and actions to verify victims claims and begin the prosecution process. In view of the above approaches, this serves as a medium for protecting human rights and self-worth of victims and it also portrays the rights of citizens to be part of the crusade in combating organized crime irrespective of gender. In addition, there should be a provision that protects the right of vulnerable citizens from undue influence by perpetrators of organized crime even where the perpetrators of such crime is a corrupt institution/government.

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