

Statement

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Excellencies,

Heads of delegations and members,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, please allow me to express the appreciation of my government to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the host state, for being invited to participate at the tenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties, to the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen

Corruption has remain a challenge for every part of the world despite all the efforts exerted to promote ethics and moral values in the society, as well as preventive and law enforcement actions. In the context of emerging economies, the challenge of corruption remain severe, due to weaknesses of institutions to ensure transparency and accountability in governance system.

Corruption is also a global phenomenon. It's been affecting global governance system and need our collective actions with effective approaches and methods to employ our convention against corruption.

In our case, as part of emerging economies, we need result-oriented international cooperation in areas of asset recovery and detective studies on illicit financial flows. Regional networks and associations shall come together to enhance knowledge and data-driven anticorruption actions as the means to collective actions. In this regard, we need well-defined and innovative initiatives to address the chapters of the convention.

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Drawing on my country's experience, the government of Ethiopia has been doing its level best to tackle corruption and to improve good governance through reforming all public institutions. We're mainstreaming our anticorruption strategies, drawn from the convention, to all government sectors, public enterprises and public organizations in Ethiopia. Government sectors are mainstreaming anticorruption tools to their respective development actions in terms of promoting ethical leadership and employees, conflict of interest management in the decision making processes and in promoting transparency in service delivery.

Since last year, all public sectors in Ethiopia have been enrolled into electronic procurement system that has been enabling us to promote Beneficiary Ownership Transparency. In this respect, we're working together with COST international for technical support in disclosure processes and standards.

In our national development roadmap recently approved by parliament, fighting against corruption, strengthening anticorruption agencies and

modernizing law enforcement sectors become the priority of our government. Our anticorruption Commission, as a national representative and coordinator of UNCAC, we have been working together with all local government commissions as a national coalition. We're engaging CSOs, investigative journalists and key stakeholders like financial intelligence unit and Supreme Audit to promote our collective action against corruption.

Moreover, the Media, education sectors and religious organizations are key partners in building ethical society.

To support law enforcement actions against corruption, Ethiopia has established national and local anticorruption committee represented from key stakeholder institutions. The aim is to promote national collective actions against corruption in the country. We're drawing lessons from this initiative and willing to report to the conference in future.

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm my country's commitment to fulfill its obligation under the Convention and to continue in its efforts to strengthen cooperation with the global community to create a more just world by effectively combating and preventing corruption. As a final remark, I thank all the organizing committee of COSP10 and the host state for your great coordination efforts.

I thank you!