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**Statement of the Republic of Türkiye
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UN Convention Against Corruption (CoSP10)**

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Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset let me express our gratitude to the host country United States for its efforts and hospitality in organizing this Conference and thank the UNODC Secretariat for its outstanding work.

The year 2023 has a very special meaning for the Republic of Türkiye. Because this year, we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Republic, which was proclaimed in 1923.

We are determined to carry our Republic to many more years in a much stronger, more prosperous and more prestigious way.

Mr. President,

Corruption threatens the security of societies and economic development as well as harming human rights, democratic system, moral values and social justice. For this reason, fighting against corruption has an important place on the agenda of our country.

With this perspective, by taking many legal, administrative and institutional steps, Türkiye has increased its capacity to fight against corruption and continues to do so. In this context, many institutions and organizations, including the Ombudsman's Office, the Public Procurement Authority, the Court of Accounts, the Supreme Electoral Board, the Ethics Board for Public Officials, the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency and the Capital Markets Board, are working hard to prevent and detect actions that may lead to corruption.

Besides, the Justice Academy of Türkiye, in its trainings organized with the aim of ensuring the development of international cooperation in our country's fight against corruption, delivers courses to the judicial authorities of foreign countries on some offences, especially on money laundering.

However, it is clearly observed that acts of corruption have gone beyond national borders and gained an international dimension all over the world; it has been understood that the fight against corruption at the national level alone is not sufficient and the need for international cooperation has increased by day.

With this awareness, our country, while accelerating its anti-corruption efforts across the country, actively participates in international anti-corruption efforts, and supports almost all decisions and documents adopted as a result of these efforts.

In this context, we find UNCAC and the steps taken in accordance with this Convention as well as the Conference of States Parties very valuable.

Mr. President,

Türkiye fully supports the works of the Implementation Review Mechanism.

The second cycle process for our Country, which completed the first cycle review in 2018, has been going on successfully.

Within this scope, at the end of last year, we hosted an expert delegation in our country in a successful and fruitful manner. Similarly, Türkiye will also continue to do its part as a reviewing country.

In addition, Türkiye is a party to the anti-corruption conventions of the Council of Europe and the OECD.

Mr. President,

As it is known, terrorist acts are also financed by proceeds acquired from corruption. The FETÖ case is one of the most relevant examples of this link between corruption and terrorism.

In our judicial process, it is understood that this terrorist organization, which was behind the heinous coup attempt in Turkey on 15 July 2016, also committed various corruption offences.

We believe that in the fight against organizations such as FETÖ, the strong implementation of international cooperation mechanisms, such as extradition or confiscation of proceeds of crime, is an important element in dealing with such threats.

In this context, we call on all States Parties to stand in solidarity and genuine cooperation with us.

Mr. President,

This Conference takes place at a time when the attacks on Gaza that have killed more than 18 thousand Palestinians and injured 50 thousand, still continue.

Only a few days ago, we commemorated the Human Rights Day, which marked 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The attacks indiscriminately killing thousands in Gaza, do not only violate the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to life, but also severely undermine the universal values of humanity.

We condemn killing of civilians. Collective punishment and indiscriminate targeting of the Palestinian people in Gaza is unacceptable and must stop.

UN Secretary General's invoking Article 99 of the U.N. Charter — last used more than 30 years ago — is a testament to the gravity of the situation in Gaza, which is defined as a “humanitarian catastrophe”.

The international community has to take action to end bloodshed and immediately respond to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, while addressing underlying root causes with the aim of establishing lasting peace.

The United Nations General Assembly adopted another resolution on 12 December, with an overwhelming majority, calling for an “an immediate humanitarian ceasefire”.

In the face of the tragedy in Gaza, we hope that the calls in the resolution would be implemented immediately.

Türkiye will continue to work together with all members of the international community to this end.

We believe that the only path to a just, lasting, and secure peace is to establish an independent and sovereign Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, based on the 1967 borders.

Mr. President,

We believe that our success in the fight against corruption will consolidate our desire to live in a shared world of goodness and kindness.

Before concluding my remarks, I would like to stress that our country will make sincere efforts to ensure that this Conference yields successful results.

Thank you.