

Statement

by

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On

Consideration of the political declaration to be adopted at the special session

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

**Mr. Chairman**

At the outset, I would like to express my gratitude to you, Mr. Chair, for the good and able leadership of this meeting. I would also like to commend the co-facilitators for their diligent efforts in steering the negotiation process on political declaration. I wish to thank the secretariat of the Conference for its extensive work has done so far in this process as well as for its efforts in preparing and distributing documents in the due time.

**Mr. Chairman**

My delegation would like once again to mention resolution 73/191 of the General Assembly regarding the special session against corruption. In this regard, we wish to emphasize on the importance of the purpose of the Session which is to address “challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation”.

Since preventing and combating corruption as well as international cooperation constitute the key objectives of the United Nations Convention against

Corruption, we consider that political declaration as an outcome of the special session is extremely important to assist Member States in achieving these objectives. It is for this reason, we attach great importance to the political declaration and consider it as a sound context for advancing full and effective implementation of the Convention. We have actively participating and meaningfully involving in informal consultations and negotiation process and have thus far exhausted every effort in good faith to reach agreement on substantive matters and on the basis of consensus.

Considering the fact that the full and balanced implementation of the Convention still faces ongoing difficulties and needs to be well addressed, we are of the view that political declaration should not undermine existing practices and mechanisms of the UNCAC or lead to duplication of work in combating corruption. As such, bringing divergent unnecessary issues not set forth in the UNCAC would only divert the very purpose of the Special Session.

**Thank you.**