



National Statement

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Thank you Mr. President,

The Indonesian delegation would like to congratulate you on your appointment as the President of the Conference. I firmly believe that your able chairmanship will lead us to a successful Conference despite the extraordinary circumstances.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China and would to add the following in its national capacity.

At this important Conference, Indonesia would like to highlight three important points:

First. As UNTOC observes its 20th anniversary, the world is facing unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Convention has provided a legal framework to promote cooperation to prevent and combat transnational organized crime. The current circumstances require enhanced cooperation, and therefore, my delegation calls on member states to further support the implementation of the UNTOC. Such implementation is important to promote our efforts to tackle the emerging challenges.

While some forms of organized crime, such as trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, are in decline due to stricter borders, we are of the view that vigilance must be maintained. We also need to enhance cooperation in other areas, including health and public procurement, and prevent organized criminal groups from taking advantage of the pandemic situation.

Second. My delegation supports the establishment of an UNTOC review mechanism. This mechanism is deemed imperative to assist State Parties in effectively implementing the Convention and its Protocols.

In this regard, we appreciate the effort and hard work of the expert groups in finalizing the guidelines for conducting country review, a blueprint for the lists of observations, and a blueprint for the summaries.

Third. Indonesia would like to take this opportunity to underline the challenging task of preventing and combating emerging forms of crime, including fisheries crimes, which are transnational in nature and have a negative impact on the environment. Addressing this threat is high on the agenda of our Government. More attention should be given to this threat, and effective cooperation to combat such crime, in accordance with national laws and relevant international instruments, needs to be promoted.

Mr. President,

Indonesia is of the view that international cooperation, including at the regional level, is a key factor in effective efforts to combat transnational organized crime. The Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons, and Related Transnational Crime, co-chaired by Indonesia and Australia with 45 member countries and four member organizations, is an example of such effective international cooperation to raise regional awareness of such crime.

Finally, my delegation takes this opportunity to reiterate its view that fighting against transnational organized crime is a shared responsibility. It requires collective efforts from all member states and unwavering commitment to make the world a safer place.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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