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**In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful**

As this is the first time I am taking the floor, allow me to join the previous speakers in congratulating you upon your deserve election and commending the Secretariat for its laudablework in preparing and submitting the report on this agenda item in a timely manner.

**Mr. Chair**

Today, criminals have wasted no time in taking advantages of the globalized economy and the developing technology that goes with it to expand their criminal activities. To efficiently counter the sophisticated methods and tactics of criminals, states need to access update techniques and modern equipment and tools through effective technical assistance, bearing in mind that no single state can rely solely on its own capabilities to counter organized crime.

We are of the view that providing technical assistance at various levels, materially and technologically, would help states to step toward the optimal implementation of the convention. We believe that appropriate technical would enable law enforcement and central

authorities to effectively respond to organized criminal groups and their activities which are often flexible, dynamic, innovative and resilient; Furthermore, technical assistance aimed at strengthening of crime prevention and criminal justice capacities to counter TOC will also have a direct benefit and impact and will address the needs of practitioners.

In this regard, providing a tailor-made and needs-oriented technical assistance and capacity-building activities to counter the evolving nature of transnational organized crime is of utmost importance. In doing so, the proportionality of the deliveries and the activities with the self-identified gaps of the requesting states should be taken into consideration.

We believe that for technical assistance programs to be more targeted and productive; they should take into account domestic regulations as well as challenges of State Parties in relevant areas pertinent to the implementation of the Convention. Such approaches in providing technical assistance ensure successful cooperation among involved Parties and are conducive to effective implementation of the Convention.

We emphasize the important role of UNODC in facilitating cooperation and delivering such technical assistance to States, upon their request. In this context, we deem it necessary that UNODC continue, within its mandate, to address major challenges and impediments States confront in fighting TOC and endeavor in removal of such harmful challenges.

**I thank you Mr. Chair.**