



**Opening Statement**  
**Twenty-eighth session of the**  
**Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**  
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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to address you today.

The work of the Commission, as one of the functional commissions of ECOSOC, is of paramount importance. It strives to strengthen the capacity of Member States to build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, to prevent, detect, prosecute and combat all types of transnational organized crime, to provide access to justice for all and. Equally important, the CCPCJ plays a major role in strengthening international cooperation in addressing global challenges and threats.

This year is critical for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice contributes important elements to its integrated implementation.

The overall theme of 2019 High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development is “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”. I welcome the theme of the twenty-eighth session of the Commission, “*The responsibility of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems in preventing and countering crime motivated by intolerance or discrimination of any kind*”, which is aligned with the theme of the HLPF.

During the HLPF in July, we will be reviewing a critical set of SDGs relating to quality education (SDG 4); decent work and economic growth (SDG 8); reduced inequalities (SDG 10); climate change (SDG 13); peaceful societies, justice and strong

institutions (SDG 16) and global partnerships (SDG 17). Of particular relevance to the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is Goal 16.

In this regard, I am happy to note that the Commission has undertaken a number of activities to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in particular SDG 16. Namely, I would like to acknowledge the resolution entitled “*Enhancing the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*”, which was negotiated by the CCPCJ last year and further adopted by the General Assembly in December 2018 (A/RES/73/183). I note with interest that a number of Member States have shared, in line with the resolution, views on how the Commission can further contribute to the review of the SDGs, as well as examples of action taken towards the targets of Goal 16, as presented in the relevant conference room paper. The Council looks forward to seeing how these views and ideas could be translated into action to further advance Commission’s input to the ECOSOC-wide efforts on strengthening the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Excellencies,

The Economic and Social Council counts on the continued engagement of all its subsidiary bodies, including the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in the work of the Council and the High-level Political Forum to mobilize action toward creating a momentum for the Agenda 2030 and SDG 16 in particular. The work of the Commission is critical for ensuring an integrated and action-oriented approach to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Let me reiterate that the Council will continue to support the work of the Commission as well as to facilitate its coordination and collaboration with other functional commissions and expert bodies.

I wish you a very successful and productive session.

Thank you.