

## **Alliance of NGOs Statement to the Reconvened 30th Session of CCPCJ**

### *Agenda Item 9: Follow-up to the 14<sup>th</sup> UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and Preparations for the 15<sup>th</sup> UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice*

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Chair

Thank you, Ambassador Cortese. I would like to make a short intervention on behalf of the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the umbrella organization with the broadest mandate supporting the work of the UN Programme on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. We are getting to the end of 2021, a year full of important events, during which we have learned that new ways to participate and engage remotely are there to stay. Online participation in UN meetings has become almost the rule, and technical improvements are making it progressively easier. The Kyoto Congress was a milestone in this process.

While pandemic-related limitations have placed a stress on everybody, civil society has realized that online participation in meetings alone is not enough to maintain the dialogue open. Indeed, we are grateful for the excellent opportunities for engagement with the Commission we could experience during the year: in particular, the dialogue with the Chair in May – which we hope will become a regular feature in the future –, and the Thematic Discussions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the implementation of the Kyoto Declaration in November, which format allowed for lively and interactive discussion. Thank you Chair, Commission and Secretariat for making these precious opportunities possible. We look forward to continuing these forms of cooperation, sharing of expertise and engagement in substantive discussions relevant to the priorities and needs of the Commission and specifically on those identified in the Kyoto Declaration.

The Alliance is eager to continue meaningful civil society engagement in implementing the Kyoto Declaration and in preparations for the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress, providing expertise as appropriate.

Thank you.