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### Statement

Alliance of NGOs on crime prevention and criminal justice

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The Alliance of NGOs on crime prevention and criminal justice is an umbrella organization bringing together a broad network of civil society organizations contributing to the achievement of security and justice for all. It ensures that civil society is recognized and heard in advancing the crime prevention and criminal justice agenda and in the design, implementation of and accountability for relevant policies everywhere. Under the umbrella of the Alliance, cooperation among members is strengthened, reinforcing the expertise and vision of each, adding value and supporting the work of relevant international organizations, especially UNODC. The Alliance facilitates its members in playing a key role towards the achievement of the SDGs, and in particular Goal 16 to “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.”

While the history of the Alliance goes back to 1972, it was only in August 2019 that it was registered as a non-governmental organization under Austrian law. This step was undertaken to ensure a solid structure for the organization and to increase its transparency and accountability.

Members of the Alliance include organizations dealing with a broad spectrum of issues ranging from human rights, children, women, development, to preventing and combating transnational organized crime and corruption within the framework of UNTOC and UNCAC. We are therefore proud to take part in COSP8 and support mainstreaming of prevention of corruption through civil society participation.

Thank you.