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Statement

Alliance of NGOs on crime prevention and criminal justice

Dr. Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Chair

Thank you Mr President

The Alliance of non-governmental organizations 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**. Its focus corresponds to the core issue being dealt by the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and UNODC. Many of our members are engaged with key issues pertinent to the UNTOC and its protocols.

The Alliance ensures that civil society is **engaged, recognized and heard** in the **implementation** of international instruments, as well as **relevant policies everywhere**. Under the umbrella of the Alliance, **cooperation** among members and other stakeholders is **strengthened**, adding value and **supporting** member States, as well as the work of relevant **international organizations**, especially UNODC. The Alliance and its members are deeply involved in playing a **key role towards the achievement of the SDGs**, and in particular Goal 16.

Over time, the Alliance has supported its members engaged in 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 actively support the UNODC CST in its activity to train NGOs on the implementation and review mechanism for UNTOC via the SE4U project.

We participate in celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UNTOCC and look forward to supporting an active role of civil society in its future.

Thank you.