

Alliance of NGOs on crime prevention and criminal justice
Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Chair

Thank you Mr Chairman

The Alliance of NGOs on crime prevention and criminal justice is glad to take part in this second constructive dialogue, and looks forward to an interesting multi-stakeholder discussion. The Alliance, as the umbrella organization bringing together a broad network of NGOs contributing to the achievement of security and justice for all, including both large international NGOs and much smaller, locally based initiatives, has great expectations for this process.

The Alliance ensures that civil society is recognized and heard within the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, including the Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime, by supporting and coordinating their work with the UN, accessing UN processes and meaningfully participating in them. In doing this we work closely with UNODC.

The second Constructive Dialogue has a very broad scope, for which there is very relevant expertise in civil society. We hope that speakers today will share their wealth of knowledge and experience with projects and programmes related to the implementation of the UNTOC in all its aspects, including emerging issues. We trust that this information will be useful to States in their review process, by enabling them to access international and local expertise.

Mr Chairman, this is the second constructive dialogue and we are aware that it is a learning process. We are confident that the constructive dialogues will further improve. Unfortunately, one NGO was not invited today. The Alliance stands ready to cooperate with the Secretariat and Member States in ensuring that modalities of engagement will be indeed constructive, including full and equal participation of civil society, making the best use of the available time, and also encouraging in-person participation.

Thank you.