

STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, my delegation wishes to recognize the strengthened partnership and collaboration fostered between the Government of Kenya and UNODC on various areas relating to crime prevention, enhancing criminal justice, counter terrorism and drug control. We look forward to further collaboration and partnership to achieve our national priorities.

Mr. Chairman,

Kenya has embarked on various legislative and policy reforms to ensure that it adheres to the UN norms on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Measures. The Constitution of Kenya incorporates all treaties and conventions that Kenya has ratified as forming part of the Laws of Kenya.

Mr. Chairman

For the efficient functioning of the institutions, the government has developed legislative frameworks and strategies for monitoring the performance of the administration of justice overseen by bodies such as the National Council on the Administration of Justices, Judicial Service Commission, National

Police Service and Independent Police Oversight Authority.

Mr. Chairman

Corruption has continued to be a challenge to the country with adverse effects on Kenya's development agenda. Kenya established an independent Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission with the mandate to combat and prevent corruption. The government has also formulated a national policy which seeks to establish institutional linkages and harmonize anti-corruption strategies and efforts.

Mr. Chairman

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) has set up specialized divisions and developed guidelines to address transnational and emerging crimes including trafficking in persons, counter-terrorism, wildlife crimes, international crimes, sexual and gender based violence, piracy, trafficking in drugs, cybercrime, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering. Kenya will continue to seek global and regional partnerships to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in conducting specialized prosecutions.

Mr. Chairman

Kenya is signatory to UNCAC, UNTOC and United Nations

Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism in recognition of the importance of international cooperation. A regional Joint Investigation Centre has been set up in Nairobi to facilitate expeditious intelligence and information sharing in respect of trans-national crimes. Kenya has also promulgated Anti- Terrorism regulations to counter terrorism financing.

Mr. Chairman

To deal with the challenge of money laundering, the government has established mechanisms for cooperation between its agencies and foreign national agencies for purposes of exchange of information and investigation into suspected money laundering activities. Kenya is a member of the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) and currently chairs the law enforcement subgroup for the region.

Mr. Chairman

The inflow of illicit drugs destined for Europe from Asia is destroying our youth and has adverse effects on the economic and social stability of Kenya. Our fight-back strategies have not been very successful and we call on the cooperation of the international community in seeking sustainable solutions to deal with drug trafficking and addiction.

Proliferation of small arms and light weapons in the Eastern Africa continues to empower terrorists and cause insecurity in Kenya causing the government to divert much needed resources meant for development to strengthening its security apparatus. Kenya also continues to invest heavily in the regional mechanisms established for stemming the proliferation in search for sustainable peace solutions. We call on the cooperation of the international community to help stem the flow of these deadly weapons that also aid terrorism in our region.

Mr. Chairman,

Kenya has made commendable strides in combatting human trafficking. It has in place a comprehensive anti-trafficking legislation to improve measures for prevention and victim protection.

In conclusion, **Mr. Chairman,** I would like to commend the work of UNODC regional office in Kenya. We remain committed to robust forging of international and regional partnerships to deal with transnational organized crime and for sustainable solutions to the challenges posed by proliferation of illicit arms and drugs in our region and elsewhere.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

