



# MALAYSIA

PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES FOR  
CRIMINAL PURPOSES AND AGENDA ITEM 108: INTERNATIONAL  
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Mr. Chair,

1. Malaysia aligns itself with the statement delivered by Singapore on behalf of ASEAN.
2. We have heard numerous statements today expressing concerns over our volatile security environment. Let me try to summarize: we are in trouble. The long-established international laws and multilateral practices which have delivered substantial gains for our people across the world – are now under constant threat. We are also witnessing the rise of transnational crime, including extremist ideologies and drug-related crimes. At the same time, technology is being exploited to benefit criminal and terrorism activities - having a destructive impact on human rights and security.
3. In this context, besides strengthening our own national efforts, Malaysia believes that we need to work together to realize our vision of a safer, fairer, and more sustainable world. The magnitude and complexity of challenges facing the international community today, necessitate collaboration across borders. Among others, we need strong coordination and integration between security and law enforcement agencies, be it at the national or international level. Malaysia, in this regard, will continue supporting the efforts of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in fulfilling its mandate and in

forging strong partnerships with other UN entities, international and regional organizations, as well as civil society.

Mr. Chair,

4. At the national level, Malaysia believes that transnational crime and the fight against terrorism as well as extremism need to be tackled in a more comprehensive manner, including undertaking stricter enforcement measures, adopting and implementing legislative measures as well as enhancing the capacity of law enforcement agencies and inter-agency cooperation. We remained strongly convinced that the acts of terrorism will not end until the root causes are addressed adequately.
5. In addition to the regional and bilateral agreements which it is a Party to, Malaysia remains committed to the relevant international conventions and instruments. We continued and will continue to support relevant UN resolutions on combating transnational crime. Our commitment is also well reflected in our strong national legislation and policies, as well as in our constant cooperation with other countries. We will continue to take significant efforts in improving existing policies, legislation, and mechanism to effectively combat such crimes.

Mr. Chair,

6. Malaysia recognizes the need to ensure a functioning, efficient and humane criminal justice system in our country. These elements are well taken into consideration in Malaysia's continuous endeavours towards crime prevention.
7. In conclusion, Malaysia looks forward to the convening of the 14<sup>th</sup> Crime Congress in Kyoto next year, particularly its focus on advancing crime prevention, criminal justice, and the rule of law towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals. We will remain steadfast and committed to give our utmost cooperation in addressing urgent global security challenges.

Thank you.