

Alliance statement at reconvened session of 34th CCPCJ

Agenda item 9. Follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (continued)

Chair, distinguished delegates

Thank you for giving me the floor. I am honoured to address you on behalf of the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

The Crime Congress has a unique importance for civil society, as a platform for exchange between sectors. And I was honoured, as Chair at the time of the 2021 Congress, to give a statement on behalf of civil society despite the pandemic restrictions that were in place.

And since then, the interest from civil society in the follow up from the last Congress, and in the preparations for the next Congress, has grown incredibly.

We were pleased to help coordinate civil society attendance and engagement in the 5 regional preparatory meetings, where more than 150 NGOs participated. Based on their inputs and global consultations, we compiled a compendium of civil society priorities, which was presented at the 34th session of the CCPCJ in May.

Another testament to the growing interest and commitment coming from civil society – despite the challenges which we all face – is the unprecedented number of NGOs applying to attend the 15th Congress in Abu Dhabi.

We are hopeful that this interest can be translated into attendance and engagement, and that resources will be made available to ensure as full a participation as possible.

And that their perspectives are taken into consideration in the negotiation of the Abu Dhabi Declaration, and its implementation.

Chair, the Alliance is eager to continue supporting Congress preparations with relevant parts of UNODC. We stand a better chance of achieving the Congress's aims, with full multistakeholder coordination and cooperation.

Thank you