

Réunion : Commission pour la prévention du crime et la justice pénale

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Orateur : Représentant de la Namibie au nom du Groupe africain

Difficulté : **

Éléments à fournir :

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	ONUDC Office des Nations Unies contre la drogue et le crime
International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	Convention internationale sur la protection des droits de tous les travailleurs migrants et des membres de leur famille

Mr Chairman,

Allow me on behalf of the African Group to extend our warm congratulations to you, on your election as Chairperson of the 24th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

The Group also extends its congratulations to other members of the Bureau. We are confident that under your leadership the 24th Session of CCPCJ will conclude successfully and assure you of the full support of the African Group.

The African Group associates itself with the statement delivered by the Ambassador of Chile on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr Chairman,

The African Group believes that the theme for the 24th Session of the Commission provides us with the opportunity to begin the long journey in our collective efforts to implement the objectives of the United Nations on transnational organized crime as contained in the Doha

Declaration adopted during the 13th United Nations Crime Congress. The Doha Declaration has identified key objectives for the African Group which I will highlight below.

Mr Chairman,

Terrorism continues to be one of the major threats to the peace and stability within the African continent. We would like to reiterate our unequivocal condemnation and serious concern about the rise in terrorism and in terrorist acts in all parts of the world and stress the necessity of tracking the perpetrators of these acts and bring them to justice while respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms. We therefore call on all Member States to strengthen cooperation at the international, regional and sub-regional levels to combat the threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters including enhancing and timely information sharing, logistical support and the capacity building activities as provided by the UNODC upon request by Member States.

The group would like to emphasize that terrorism should not and must not be associated with any religion, civilization and nationality.

We continue to express our deep concern at the increase in incidents of kidnapping and hostage-taking committed by terrorist groups for any purposes, including with the aim of raising funds or gain political consensus. The group knows that ransoms paid to terrorists are used as one of the sources of funding for their activities including further kidnappings. In that regard, we call on Member States to enhance international cooperation to address gaps related to our measures to combat the financing of terrorism and to take all necessary measures to prevent terrorists from benefiting from ransom payments including by establishing the payment of ransom as a crime within their domestic legislations.

Additionally, the increasing links between terrorist activities and transnational organized crime, in particular corruption, drug trafficking, trafficking in firearms, as well as money laundering, remain a serious concern. The Group believes that all Member States have the responsibility to work collectively to prevent and combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We would like to call on Member States to strengthen measures aimed at

securing borders in order to prevent these forms of transnational organized crime and the movement of terrorist groups across the borders.

Moreover, the African Group calls on all Member States to implement effective measures to detect, prosecute, punish corruption as well as the transfer abroad and laundering of assets derived from corruption and strengthen international cooperation and assistance to Member States to assist in the identification, freezing, or seizure, as well as in their recovery and unconditional return to the country of origin with the simplification of legal procedures, in accordance with the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

Mr Chairman,

The African Group continues to protect children and youths which constitute the vast majority of the population of Africa. It is for this reason that the protection of children and the prevention of their involvement in crime or victimization by crime, specially in post-conflict societies, remains one of the highest priorities within the region.

In this regard, the Group emphasizes that particular attention should be given to the collection of reliable data on all aspects of the relationship between youth and crime, and address the root cause of the problem as well as awareness raising.

Mr Chairman,

The African Group reiterates its strong condemnation of violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families, motivated by racism, racial discrimination, stigmatization, and hate crimes, xenophobia, and other related forms of intolerance. In particular the practice of mandatory detention of irregular migrants, their criminalization and treatment in the context of border control, is inconsistent with international human rights law and must therefore be ceased. In this context, the Group encourages States to consider ratifying the existing relevant international legal instruments, including the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and members of their Families.

The Group also encourages Member States to take all appropriate measures to ensure the safety of all people in their territories and to bring perpetrators of such violence and crimes to justice. Equally, the African Group encourages countries to enhance cooperation in a comprehensive manner and to develop effective measures to prevent the smuggling of migrants while ensuring the protection of their rights, including access to justice regardless of their immigration status, nationality, gender, ethnicity, age or religion.

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