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Mr. Chairman,

Crime is an old phenomenon that affects all countries and regions and countries without discrimination.

Therefore, fighting crime, in particular transnational organized crime, requires enhancing our efforts towards effective cooperation, including South-South cooperation.

We are convinced that efficient action against crime must encompass the dimensions of crime prevention along with the promotion and protection of human rights and sustainable development. The UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime is the cornerstone of our efforts to fight all types of transnational crimes. We must endeavor to achieve universal participation in this international agreement, including the review mechanism of the Convention and its Protocols.

Mr. Chairman,

Brazil attaches special importance to the youth in the context of crime prevention. In this sense, I would like to highlight the National Public Security and Citizenship Programme (PRONASCI), which couples traditional public safety strategies with actions that aim at addressing the root causes of violence. It strengthens the citizenship of communities by promoting their participation in Government initiatives in areas affected by crime.

The programme gives special attention to the protection of children in vulnerable situations, especially in areas of greater social vulnerability, and also supports the implementation and development of the work of the Police Pacification Units (UPP) in the State of Rio de Janeiro.

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to highlight the issue of cyber crime. It is a phenomenon of a truly global scope and an issue of significant technical complexity.

Brazil is strongly concerned about the challenges faced by Member States regarding the urgent need to strengthen the international legal framework of the Internet with a view to prevent it from being used as a tool to threaten the Sovereignty of all countries.

Brazil believes that globally effective solutions require the participation of the entire international community and deserve to be considered in due course, in order not only to prevent cyber crime but also to secure that all human rights, including the right to privacy, are fully respected in all levels and at all spaces.

In that connection, we support the continued work carried out by the Open-ended intergovernmental expert group to conduct a comprehensive study of the problem of cyber crime.
Mr. Chairman,

Brazil reaffirms her support to the principle of shared responsibility when facing the world drug problem, based on the framework provided by the pertinent UN Conventions. We understand that no possible solution for the world drug problem can be found without the active engagement of the world's largest consumers of illicit drugs.

At the national level, we have updated our legislation and policies, in order to integrate aspects related to public health and human rights. Abroad, Brazil has been making efforts to strengthen our multilateral, regional and sub regional cooperation, with a focus on our South American neighbors, in facing the world drug problem.

Finally, Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wants to reiterate our support to the activities developed by the UN Office on Drug and Crime, which has a central role in supporting the efforts of Member States in combating transnational crime and facing the world drug problem.

Thank you.