

STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNODC YURI FEDOTOV ON THE OCCASION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE G-77 VIENNA CHAPTER ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I congratulate the G-77 Vienna Chapter on this very distinguished anniversary. The Group of 77 has played, and continues to play, a crucial role in our work at UNOV and UNODC.

This, of course, includes the G-77's dynamic engagement in the governing bodies of UNODC, namely the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

The G-77 Vienna Chapter has helped to strengthen cooperation within your diverse membership, and with other partners.

Both through the CND and CCPCJ, and across the areas of our mandates, this collective engagement has made a vital contribution to our joints efforts to promote justice and the rule of law, and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Ambassador Játiva, Excellencies,

I thank you for your commitment and leadership.

Allow me to congratulate the G-77 Vienna Chapter once again on this twentieth anniversary.

We have a number of important events coming up, including the Conference of Parties to UNTOC in October and the ministerial segment at next year's session of the CND.

I count as always on your active support and contributions.

I look forward to continuing our close cooperation with you, and wish you every success for the next twenty years.

Thank You.