



**G-77 and China statement during the Eleventh Session
of the Conference of the States Parties
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delivered by H.E. Ambassador Azzeddine Farhane,
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Mr. President,

1. On behalf of the Group of 77 and China, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on your election as President of the 11th Session of the Conference of the States Parties, and to the other elected members of the Bureau. The Group expresses appreciation to the outgoing extended Bureau members for their leadership over the past two years.
2. The Group thanks the government of Qatar for hosting this Conference in Doha and commends the Secretariat for its preparations for the Conference.
3. The Group welcomes those States Parties that recently acceded to the Convention.
4. The Group also appreciates all initiatives and efforts of its Member States, which contribute to the work of the Conference and objectives of the Group, including, inter alia, through tabling resolutions, and organizing side events and exhibitions.
5. Corruption remains to be one of the major challenges to the security, stability, rule of law, and sustainable socioeconomic development of our societies. The Group underscores the need to more effectively and efficiently prevent and combat corruption through the full implementation of the UNCAC.
6. The Group notes with concern that corruption is often linked to other forms of crime, and that transnational organized criminal networks can use corrupt practices to facilitate their criminal activities.
7. The Group calls for intensifying efforts to prevent and counter illicit financial flows and recover and return of confiscated assets, in accordance with the UNCAC and we reaffirm our commitment to foster international cooperation in this regard. These can contribute to effective resource mobilization, poverty eradication, sustainable development and the enjoyment of all human rights.
8. The Group emphasizes that efforts by States Parties to implement UNCAC contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Such efforts reinforce the comprehensive approach to substantially reduce corruption in all its forms and at all levels, including its underlying causes.
9. The Group emphasizes the need to develop and promote effective measures, policies, and practices to prevent corruption and calls for enhanced efforts in accordance with Chapter II of the Convention.
10. The Group deeply regrets that barriers and challenges to asset recovery continue. The Group emphasizes that recovered assets shall be returned without conditionalities and in full respect of the sovereign rights of the states of origin and the Convention. The Group thus calls on the States Parties to commit to accelerating the development of international cooperation in asset recovery, and urges all States Parties to remove barriers associated with implementing mutual legal assistance.

11. The Group encourages States Parties to strengthen international cooperation to facilitate the return of persons sought for corruption in accordance with domestic law and applicable international law and, where appropriate, deny them safe havens.

12. The Group remains strongly convinced of upholding multilateralism. In this regard, the Group reiterates its serious concern over the ranking of Member States in all forms and levels in criminal matters and urges all States Parties to adhere to Article 4 of the Convention, upholding the principles of sovereign equality and territorial integrity of States as well as non-intervention in the domestic affairs of other States.

13. The Group further calls on all States Parties to avoid unilateral actions and sanctions that weaken international cooperation and impede States Parties from preventing and fighting corruption.

14. The Group emphasizes the importance of the effective functioning of the Implementation Review Mechanism (IRM) and looks forward to its Second Phase, which marks a critical milestone towards the implementation of UNCAC. The Group reiterates its position to maintain the guiding principles and characteristics of the Mechanism, including its intergovernmental nature in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

15. The Group remains of the firm view that the IRM, including its second phase, requires sustainable and predictable funding to ensure its efficient, continued, and impartial functioning. The Group reaffirms its stance that the Mechanism should be funded by the UN regular budget in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

16. The Group appreciates the role of UNODC in providing—within its mandate and upon request—relevant technical assistance activities at national, regional, and global levels based on the needs and priorities of States Parties, including those identified during the Review Process. The Group calls for sufficient, predictable, and sustainable funding to develop and implement programs and projects for the purpose of capacity-building, technical assistance, material support and transfer of technology to developing countries. These are crucial for the effective and efficient implementation of the Convention.

17. The Group looks forward to fruitful deliberations during the current session.

I thank you, Mr. President.