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Your Excellency, Chairperson, Members of the Bureau and distinguished delegates,

Uganda congratulates you, Chair, and the Bureau on your election, and aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the African Group and the Group of 77 and China.

We affirm our strong commitment to the work of this Commission, which we regard as a central pillar of the global rule of law architecture and of the 2030 Agenda, in particular, Sustainable Development Goal 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions.

Chair, in recent years, Uganda has invested in strengthening the foundations of our criminal justice system: our legislative framework, prosecutorial capacity, judicial infrastructure, and the investigative and technical capabilities of law enforcement, recognising that strong institutions are indispensable to public trust and the rule of law. We believe justice is not the task of one institution, but the responsibility of all justice institutions and actors.

Uganda places strong emphasis on people-centred, evidence-based and digitally enabled justice services. Through the Judiciary's daily hearings, plea-bargain initiatives and special sessions for sexual and gender-based crimes, case backlogs have been reduced, and timely access to justice improved.

New guidelines on investigations, land-related crime, mutual legal assistance and victim-centred handling of GBV and violence against children are complemented by community barazas that bring services closer to citizens. Digital case-management systems across Police, ODPP, Judiciary and Prisons, audio-visual links and the ODPP Virtual Learning Academy are transforming how justice is delivered.

Chair, Uganda continues to strengthen its response to transnational organised crime, cybercrime and wildlife crime. We have ratified UNTOC and its Protocols, enacted laws on trafficking, money laundering, terrorism and corruption, and established specialised divisions for cybercrime and asset recovery.

Uganda was among the first to sign the new Convention against Cybercrime in Hanoi in 2025, and we are currently aligning our national response with its standards. We are implementing the Port Douglas Declaration through prosecution-guided investigations, specialised training and a national task force on wildlife crime.

Uganda welcomes constructive engagement and support in implementing the conventions, while taking into account global crime trends. We will continue to advocate for the needs of low- and middle-income countries, whose systems bear a disproportionate crime burden yet receive limited assistance. We believe solidarity, international and regional cooperation, resource-sharing and mutual respect are the pillars of a truly global justice system.

Chair, Uganda stands ready to contribute, cooperate, and champion justice as a shared global good. Together, we can build a system that is faster, fairer and more accountable for every nation and every citizen.

I thank you.