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Agenda item 9. Follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Honourable Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

Greetings from Tokyo.

It's a pleasure to have this opportunity to express UNAFEI's strong support and commitment to the outcome of the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

During the Fourteenth Congress, UNAFEI sponsored Workshop 2 on "Reducing reoffending: identifying risks and developing solutions" in cooperation with the UNODC and the Thailand Institute of Justice.

Workshop 2 demonstrated that offender rehabilitation and reintegration into society is critical to building peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development as envisaged in the 2030 Agenda. The discussions throughout the workshop emphasized the importance of rehabilitative prison environments based on individualized treatment, the enhanced use of noncustodial measures, and multi-stakeholder approaches to

offender rehabilitation and reintegration including the active support of community volunteers.

The outcome of Workshop 2 is summarized in the report of Committee II (A/CONF.234/L.4), and the recommendations encourage the Member States to develop model strategies to reduce reoffending that reflect, among others, the good practices discussed during the workshop.

Further, the Kyoto Declaration (A/CONF.234/L.6) adopted at the Fourteenth Congress reflects the concepts of Workshop 2 – particularly paragraphs 37 through 39 – in which Member States are encouraged to take action to reduce reoffending by promoting rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders.

Discussions of Workshop 2 should serve as the basis of the new model strategies, which will play a significant role in reducing reoffending in this decade of action as we move toward the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. Having played a central role in the organization of Workshop 2 and as the PNI of the host country of the Fourteenth Congress, UNAFEI is ready to contribute to the development of the new model strategies.

In closing, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all the participants of Workshop 2, and I hope that our network will further contribute to the follow-up to the Kyoto Declaration.

Thank you very much for your attention.