

**Statement by the Republic of Turkey
on Agenda Item 86**

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Mr. Chair,

Facilitating exchange of information and collection of good practices among States are critical means for furthering anti-corruption efforts. We also attach great importance to maximizing international operational and training activities in the framework of the relevant bilateral and multilateral arrangements.

One area regarding which we consider that the international community needs to take further action is securing the return of proceeds of corruption and stolen assets to the country of origin. It goes without saying that the flowing of the funds of illicit origin from developing countries poses a threat to sustainable development, the rule of law and the security of nations. In this regard, this problem deserves further cooperation and confidence building.

Another issue which we would like to particularly underline is the link between terrorism, organized crime and corruption. As a country that has suffered from this dangerous combination of crimes, we believe that strong international cooperation, including extradition of suspects and criminals and confiscation of the proceeds of crime, are essential in addressing such threats.

Mr. Chair,

We would be remiss not to emphasize the crucial connection between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the global fight against corruption. Turkey appreciates that Goal-16 has *substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their*

We also feel obliged to emphasize that, if all members of this Committee were to follow
-intentioned approach as regards the manner in which we take up and analyze
the legal and technical issues before us, we would not be able to make any meaningful
progress on any item.

Thank you.