

PG20 RIO DECLARATION

on “combating organized crime, promoting justice and socioenvironmental sustainability”

We, the Heads of Prosecution Services and/or Prosecutor Generals or representatives of Angola, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, Egypt, France, India, Italy, Nigeria, Norway, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States of America,

Assembled at the First Summit of the Heads of Prosecution Services of G20 members – PG20, under the Brazilian Presidency of G20, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 October 2024,

Recognizing the unrelenting global pressures on the rule of law, human rights, the environment and on socioeconomic development, as criminal activities become increasingly transnational, organized and complex, since criminals are exploiting new and emerging technologies to carry out illicit actions, that pose unprecedented challenges to our institutions in combating such crimes;

Intend to take the following steps, in accordance with our local laws and in full compliance with applicable international law:

1. To collaborate in the strengthening of existing international cooperation mechanisms in criminal matters to combat transnational and organized crime, such as human trafficking, cybercrime, money laundering and other forms;
2. To make strategic use of new and advanced technologies, in a manner that is safe, secure, trustworthy and human-centered, to enhance institutional capabilities in law enforcement intelligence information systems, criminal investigations and prosecutions, and recovery of proceeds of crime to deliver criminal justice outcomes. Similarly, to support institutional capabilities in the investigation and prosecution of money laundering linked to transnational organized crime.
3. To reaffirm the commitment to protect human rights in all efforts to combat crime and the importance of obtaining justice for victims, providing them with access to justice, including through effective criminal prosecutions, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and compensation, where available;
4. To support efforts to strengthen prosecution services with a view to safeguarding the environment, holding accountable those who commit crimes, and in so doing, promote sustainable development;
5. To elevate the proposal for the formalization of PG20 as an official engagement group to the G20 Presidency.

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