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Joint Written Statement of the DMUN Foundation to the 2025 United Nations Joint Constructive Dialogue on Technical Assistance and International Corporation

25 years after the adoption of the UNTOC: an assessment of the impact and added value of the Convention in the prevention of and fight against transnational organized crime, including through collaboration with civil society

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1. The DMUN Foundation has the pleasure to deliver this written statement on behalf of a coalition of the following nine youth-led non-governmental organizations, hereafter referred to as “We”.¹
2. We recognize that, over a quarter-century, UNTOC has provided a comprehensive legal framework: establishing common definitions, fostering mutual legal assistance, and promoting international cooperation. Its three protocols targeting trafficking in persons, migrant smuggling, and illicit manufacturing and trafficking of firearms have catalyzed legislative harmonization in over 193 States Parties.

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3. Yet, persistent gaps in implementation, uneven capacity among law enforcement, and insufficient civil society engagement continue to undermine the Convention's full potential.
4. To this, we believe that the Convention must encourage and promote effective and meaningful participation of not only traditional civil society, but other stakeholders.
5. In particular, we encourage the UNTOC Secretariat and Member States to facilitate the participation of Major Groups and Other Stakeholders, in particular to the Major Group on Children and Youth.
6. Extending on this, we also believe that meaningful and effective youth participation must be further expanded in the UNTOC, especially when considering many young individuals are not able to receive accreditation through existing civil society groups, and when many youth-led organizations lack registration and other prerequisites to receive observer status in the Convention.
7. The meaningful and effective participation of diverse stakeholders, especially young people, create opportunities for the complete and successful implementation of the mandate of the UNTOC.
8. We thank you for your considerations.

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