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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

Intervention on the Prevention of organized crime through public-private partnerships and socioeconomic, cultural and behavioural pathways, with a focus on organized fraud

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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 express concern at the proliferation of organized fraud, especially in the context of today’s youth, who are both victims and agents of change in this issue.
3. Young people are particularly susceptible to this issue, especially considering their affinity and reliance on digital technologies such as social media for information and advice.

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4. Young members of the aforementioned coalition of NGOs reported encounters of fraudulent “investment” pitches on social media, impersonation schemes targeting student loans, and crypto-scams promising “easy wealth.”
5. We also express concerns that high levels of youth unemployment drives young people to seek online “side hustles” or “investment clubs.” This leads to illicit actors capitalizing and exploiting this desperation among youths by posing as credible recruiters or mentors, leading to greater damage.
6. In recognition of these factors, we believe that effective and meaningful youth participation must be established to promote effective PPP solutions towards organized fraud and crime.
 - a. Young people must have mandated, self-organized, and non-tokenized representation in intergovernmental, regional, national, and local PPP institutions in regards to organized crime and fraud.
 - b. Socioeconomic inclusion for young people must be advanced, so that young people are properly educated with digital literacy, financial education, and given proper anti-fraud education. In particular, fraud awareness must be integrated into vocational, academic, and technical education of young people.
 - c. Member States should partner with youth organizations and young experts, actively consulting and engaging them for input on all relevant policy discussions.



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- d. Intergovernmental bodies, mainly the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime, should actively engage youth organizations, youth advocates, Major Group on Children and Youth, and other relevant youth-focused and youth-led stakeholders in its process, supporting their participation and engagements at an intergovernmental level.
7. We iterate our united belief that youths are not merely victims nor beneficiaries of prevention efforts, but co-designers of such policies.
8. Through the centralization of youth perspectives and recommendations at every stage of PPP partnerships, we believe that opportunity is created for Member States to establish resilient, adaptive, and relevant strategies to prevent organized crime and fraud.
9. We thank you for your consideration.

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