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Abstract - Special Interest Group Session – Heads of Prosecution Services

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International Cooperation is undoubtedly a key axis for the fulfillment of the Public Prosecution Service of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires' institutional mission. In the conviction that the daily work of the prosecution service must be nourished by the experiences gathered by peers in other latitudes and that, in the same direction, its own achievements and developments constitute a valuable input for other agencies, since I took office as Attorney General, it has been a priority to develop a vast agenda in this area, with high impact results at an institutional and social level.

My speech will address the challenges and advantages in the implementation of international cooperation mechanisms, based on the experience of the Public Prosecution Service of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires during the years 2020-2021, a period crossed by the global pandemic unleashed by COVID-19.

In this regard, I will talk about our experience in direct cooperation to develop training programs with the Chilean Public Prosecution Service and with different institutions in the United States, such as the Miami Prosecution Office and the National Center for State Courts, among other activities and actors that I will mention, highlighting our efforts to increase cooperation among prosecutors at the regional level in Latin America.

Also, in view of the particularity of our institution -as part of a country in the global South, with a federal government organization and with a local jurisdiction such as the City of Buenos Aires-, I would like to highlight the impact that the support and intervention of international organizations have had in our international cooperation experience. For this reason, I would like to briefly tell you about the activities we have been able to carry out during this period, including the DMI project on open drug markets, with the support of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and experts from the United States; the report on the "Evaluation of Victim Satisfaction with Protection Measures" in the field of gender-based violence, carried out with the support of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP); and the Cybercrime Conferences held with Prosecutors from Peru, Costa Rica and Panama, conducted jointly with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), among others.