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**Ministry of justice**

**Speech of the Minister of Justice keeper of the Seals**

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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most merciful

Your Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani Emir of Qatar  
Sheikh Abdullah Bin Nasser Al Thani Prime Minister, Minister of Interior,  
Chairman of the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and  
Criminal Justice

Your Excellency M. BAN KI MOON United Nations Secretary-General  
The executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

your excellencies

distinguished guests

Ladies and gentlemen

Allow me, first of all to extend to the chairman of the congress my warmest congratulations and to wish him all great success in leading our deliberations. I would like also to seize this opportunity to warmly and sincerely thank his Highness sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar and to the government and the people of Qatar for their warm welcome and generous hospitality.

We express our deep appreciation of the relevance, the soundness and high level analysis contained in the opening speech of his Excellency sheikh abdallah bin Nasser Al Thani, chairman of the Congress, as well as in the speech of His Excellency M. BAN KI MOON United Nations Secretary-General equally, I wish to thank the secretariat of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for successfully providing the propitious conditions for the convening of this congress.

M. Chaiman

Our congress is held this year, as the world is witnessing a change in the principles of the international relations, both on the political and economic levels, and also in the light of a regional and international context aggravated by the increasing dangers and threats to the peace.

Those UN congresses, held every five years, give the international community the opportunity to assess its contribution in the establishment of the principles of the rule of law and its sovereignty both on the national and international levels, so as to promote international peace, security and stability and support development in the world, as well as filling up the gaps to promote international cooperation and its instruments in fighting crimes in all its forms

M. Chairman

the main congress theme is highly important because this session comes just before the international community is preparing the post 2015 UN sustainable development program that should focus on the link between sustainable development and the rule of law.

Though the Rule of law is about exercising power nationally and internationally, it means also providing adequate living conditions, education for people in the world, which will help establish a rule abiding culture and transform the individuals into active actors in the pursuit of the goals of crime prevention policies.

the fight against crime is closely linked to the prevailing events on the international scene that created the propitious climate to integrism, terrorism and various criminal activities.

the terrorism is considered as the most dangerous crime threatening the life, security stability and development of the people worldwide, and we are witnessing an increasing inter connection and growing links between the terrorism phenomenon and the other transnational crimes.

My country faced one of the most abject phenomenon which is terrorism, and it fiercely fought against it alone without any help or assistance during the last century's decade.

My country always called for the necessity to cut off terrorism funding, for it constitutes a multi faceted threat that should be addressed by the international community on a global basis, through the venue of an international conference under the auspices of the united nations to discuss the terrorism issue in all its aspects and to set up a global international agreement to fight international terrorism and give a common and accurate definition to terrorism.

Terrorism and organised crime including the growing drug trafficking are coming together and they are feeding off each other. Thus this connection should be taken into consideration in our national and international strategies and we have to think about the best international instruments to face it.

M. Chairman

Despite the regional crisis climate which led to the appearance of internal crisis in some neighbouring countries, Algeria devotes important means to the fighting of the multiple crimes caused by this situation, and in parallel our diplomacy strives for peaceful solution based on dialogue.

Algeria which still playing its role in crime fighting and prevention and participating in the police international organization (Interpol) has been chosen to host the African police organization headquarters (Afripol). the government is now working on the basis of a global reform-oriented program under the auspices of His Excellency M. Abdelaziz BOUTEFLIKA, President of the Republic in order to sustain the independence of the judiciary and modernize its functioning system and keep it in pace with the national and international events so as to be the milestone for the establishment of the rule of law and to guarantee the rights and freedom of individuals.

furthermore, the national legislation is adapted so as to conform to the UN convention against transnational organized crime and the UN convention against corruption, and this is followed by the modernization of the training system and the promotion of human resources and programs including the cooperation with the UN drugs and crime prevention office and the UN development program.

M. Chairman

the cyber criminality grows dangerously during the past few years and became a global challenge requiring a reflexion to develop the mechanisms that will ensure a rapid and effective response. Discussions should also be continues within the United Commission on crime prevention and criminal justice, in order to reach a consensus leading to the adoption of a document setting the international cooperation in this field.

concerning the human trafficking and smuggling, Algeria is renewing is commitment to the provisions of the additional protocols to the United Nations convention on transnational organized crime.

On the other hand, Algeria welcomes the adoption by General Assembly of the United Nations of the guiding international principles for the crime prevention and criminal justice concerning the trafficking in cultural properties and related offences, and called the states parties to strengthen cooperation in this field.

M. Chairman

I am pleased to announce the accession of Algeria to the Doha Declaration of 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which will undoubtedly be the starting point and the source of inspiration for the policies and guidelines of the members in the field of crime fighting and prevention and the consecration of the principles and criteria of criminal justice.

Allow me at the end of my speech to renew the sincere appreciation and gratitude of my delegation to the State of Qatar and to you personally for the

brotherly welcome and hospitality, and to you personally wishing you every success and to our congress to respond to our aspiration for fruitful results.

Thank you