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Mr. Chairperson,

We once again congratulate the Chairmanship for excellent organization of the Congress, as well as productive preparatory work and we wish a successful outcome of this very important event, as well as the adoption of the Doha declaration, which we think, contains an outstanding guidance to more effectively counter the crime, and creating effective justice mechanisms.

Mr. Chair, it was because of our commitment to strengthen the combat against crime and improve the justice mechanisms jointly with the international community, that despite certain very important concerns, we joined the consensus to adopt the Doha declaration.

At the same time we would like to express our disappointment, that the Doha declaration, which is an important UN document, has no single reference to UN Charter, which is the cornerstone of this organization. Moreover, it is regretful, that in the Declaration, certain principles are expressed in a way to have particular priority over other principles of the UN Charter and international law, which we are confident, is not the case, and all the principles of the UN Charter are equally important for Member states. That is why we ask the Presidency and the secretariat to take note of the position of my delegation, and we request that it will be properly reflected in the Report of the Congress.