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Mr. / Madame President,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is indeed an honour for me and the Malaysian delegation to be in Doha, Kingdom of Qatar for the convening of the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. On behalf of the Malaysian delegation, I wish to join the rest of the delegates in expressing our gratitude and appreciation to the Kingdom of Qatar the warm welcome and hospitality extended to us. I also would like to congratulate the Government of Qatar for its dedication and commitment in ensuring the successful realisation of this august gathering.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The rise of new and emerging forms of transnational crime is a constant challenge to sovereign states including Malaysia. Hence, the

Government of Malaysia must ensure that the country is well prepared and capable to deal with it, failing which it would have serious repercussions on the country's security and development thus would severely affected Malaysia's ambition to become a developed nation by the year 2020.

In doing so, Malaysia recognises the centrality of crime prevention and the criminal justice systems as well as the need to ensure a functioning, efficient and humane criminal justice system are well established in the country. These factors are well taken into consideration in Malaysia's continuous endeavours towards crime prevention. Recently, in the promulgation process of a new preventive law to combat the threats of Islamic State (IS), access to legal recourse are being assured and accorded to those that would be detained under this specific law. Additionally, the law also provides for rehabilitation to neutralise those individuals that are being radicalised and influenced by extremists mind sets / ideologies so that they would be able to be reintegrated into the society once they are released.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Crime prevention particularly in tackling the threats of transnational crime is a mammoth tasks in which no single country would be able to deal with it unilaterally. As a member to the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC), Malaysia acknowledges the importance of international, regional and sub-regional cooperation.

At the regional level, Malaysia as a member of the South East Asia Nation Association (ASEAN) has been working collectively and in solidarity with ASEAN Member Countries to combat transnational crime focussing on eight (8) areas of interest. Malaysia would be hosting a Ministerial Level Meeting on this matter from 28 September to 1 October 2015 in which such gathering will take place bi-annually.

At bilateral level, Malaysia has and will continue to conclude security arrangement in the forms of Agreements / Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with like-minded countries to forge strategic cooperation in eliminating and disrupt the commission of these crimes by criminal syndicates.

We need to expand the existing international cooperation beyond the current practices. We need to share best practices, experience, conduct regular exchange of information and intelligence including capacity building. Therefore, as the Member of the UN, let us all be steadfast in our mutual and collective resolve in addressing this issue.

Finally, I would like to assure that Malaysia's presence here demonstrates our continued political will and commitment to further strengthen international collaboration towards crime prevention while not neglecting on the criminal justice aspect of it.

Thank you.