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His Highness,

Mr. President,

Your Excellencies and Honorable delegations

On behalf of the Mongolian delegation, please allow me to join the previous speakers in congratulating you on your election as President of the 13<sup>th</sup> UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

I am assured that under your excellent leadership, and with support of your very capable Secretariat, we will benefit greatly from the active discussions and the sharing of ideas and information.

My delegation also extends its profound gratitude to the people and Government of Qatar for their warm and generous hospitality and for the excellent facilities provided for the Thirteenth Congress.

Mr. President,

Today, the global community must become ever more determined, if it is to successfully combat national and transnational crime.

With the advance of globalization, legislators and law enforcement agencies face ever greater challenges to deter highly motivated, increasingly more sophisticated, and better funded criminal organizations.

With the growing threat of transnational crime, Mongolia recognizes the importance of increasing the extent and effectiveness of international cooperation at all levels.

At the same time, we also recognize the importance of creating a legal environment, within our own territory, in which organized crime syndicates incur greater risk, and face more barriers, in the pursuit of their criminal endeavors.

In the recent years, Mongolia, like many nations, has seen an increase in crimes relating to human trafficking, narcotics, money laundering and smuggling of cultural property.

National and transnational criminal activity not only poses a threat to public safety, it also, in its own insidious way, works to undermine socio-economic development.

Accordingly, Mongolia has acted to strengthen its legal system and improve the effectiveness of law enforcement agencies.

But we also acknowledge that more effective policing must go hand in hand with initiatives to protect the rights of our citizens.

Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Mongolia is undertaking a series of legislative, judicial and institutional reforms to enhance the protection of human rights and strengthen the rule of law. Criminal Code, Criminal Procedure Code and Crime Prevention Act are revised in accordance with United Nations standards.

A fair, effective and efficient criminal justice system is a system that respects the fundamental rights of victims of crimes.

In support of this important principle we have established a national Marshals Service, under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Justice, to support and protect victims and witnesses from intimidation and re-victimization.

We have also established a national legal aid system to provide free legal assistance, and representation by an attorney, to those people with financial difficulties.

To further protect the rights of our citizens, and to strengthen the rule of law within our society, the President of Mongolia has recently proposed amendments to the law to combat domestic violence.

It is widely understood that social development and community cooperation are essential elements in reducing incentives to engage in criminal activity.

With this in mind, we have promoted the formation of Citizen Council, in association with local police authorities, to actively encourage public participation in crime prevention.

Mr. President,

In 2012, Mongolia ratified the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR. Recognizing our obligation under this protocol, we have abolished the death penalty, further asserting our commitment to the protection of human rights.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to call upon Member States to intensify and strengthen their efforts to prevent national and transnational crime, and to work together to dismantle the criminal organization that damage and ruin the lives of so many people.

Thank you.