

VIET NAM STATEMENT
by Mr. Nguyen Khanh Ngoc, Deputy Minister of Justice
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Mr./Md. Chairperson,

Excellencies,

Ministers,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great honor to address the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. My Delegation would like to specially thank the Government of Qatar as the host for the kind hospitality and arrangements for the Congress. I also would like to appreciate the UNODC Secretariat for its excellent efforts in organizing and preparing the massive documentations for this important event.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the world has witnessed the increasing sophistication of transnational criminal activities, it is critical that nations act collectively to prevent and minimize the negative human and financial impacts of crime- in all its forms. The Congress, this year marking the sixtieth anniversary of the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, has long been one of the most important international fora for states and international organizations to exchange expertise, experience and information in order to shape international and domestic policies in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, develop national and international strategies, and identify priorities in promoting criminal justice system.

The Government of Viet Nam shares with the international community the view that the new developments of crime activities impair sustainable development damage the rule of law efforts and constitute a threat to the maintenance of international peace and security. In this regard, it is essential

to reiterate the important role of building rule of law and having in place a fair, humane and effective crime prevention and criminal justice system. That is the direction Viet Nam has been upholding and is making tireless efforts to achieve in its national development strategy and policies.

Since 2010 when the Salvador Declaration was adopted, Viet Nam has shown significant developments in its national legal system, strengthened law enforcement capacities and enhanced international cooperation in combating crime. On behalf of the Government of Viet Nam, I would like to thank UNODC, UNDP, UNICEF, the European Union, the Government of Japan, United States, Canada, Australia... for their continued supports to and cooperation with Viet Nam in this legal reform process.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Government of Viet Nam is fully aware of the threats posed by emerging crimes such as illegal trafficking of wildlife products which are covered by the Convention known as CITES, illegal trafficking of cultural property, cybercrimes... to name a few and the linkages between the inadequate legal framework, poor law enforcement and these crimes. We will try our best to enhance the national crime prevention and criminal justice legislations, including amending the current Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code to effectively prevent and counter these new forms of crime. Viet Nam welcomes the adoption of the Doha Declaration and expresses its willingness to work with other member states, international organizations and partners to implement the Declaration and enhance cooperation, technical assistance and share good practices in this field.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I lay great expectations on the 13th United Nation Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and hope that the Congress will bring about common directions and guidelines in promoting the rule of law, crime prevention and criminal justice, advancing the effective implementation of the UN legal instruments and enhancing international cooperation in criminal matters.

Finally, I would like to wish you all the best and our 13th Congress a great success.

Thank you for your attention. /.