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Excellencies!

Please allow me to express my congratulations to you and other members of the bureau on your election during this 29th session of the commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. I am confident that your sincere efforts would lead to successfully combat crimes and to ensure criminal justice.

Excellency the chairperson, I would like to seek your kind attention to the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice efforts made in the context of Afghanistan under the themes of Terrorism, Trafficking in persons and migrants smuggling and Corruption, which in deed curbing them, plays an important role for prosperity, peace and stability in Afghanistan and the world.

1. Terrorism

Terrorism, has been a threat not only to the security and stability of Afghanistan, but also to international community and unfortunately as being at the forefront of combating this evil, we have been subject to numerous losses inflicted by the terrorist groups.

The situation being tense and complicated, we strongly need to make a regional and international consensus and to reinforce our efforts to uproot this evil in collaboration with our international partners so that to avoid the imminent attacks of the terror groups that threatens Afghanistan, the region and the world.

For the purpose to better fight against it, we have the law on anti-terrorism and the law on campaigns against financing terrorism.

However, Afghanistan has recently paid a big price for bringing peace and has joined the peace negotiations in Doha with the Taliban, We strongly believe that fighting against terrorism may be effective when efforts are integrated and coordinated not only inside Afghanistan but also in the region and in the world, and likewise, the international community is to convince the neighboring countries of Afghanistan to help avoiding the spread of terror ideologies and to target the sanctuaries of this phenomenon by means of

adapting comprehensive measures to cut off the sources that finance these groups and make them continue to the massacre of the innocent people.

I would like to emphasize that these efforts can be realized when international cooperation in the areas of border control, sharing information and provision of legal assistance is effectively provided to further strengthen coordination in this regard.

2. Trafficking in Persons & Migrants Smuggling

Trafficking in persons & migrants smuggling as an international organized crime is a threat and imperative issue for Afghanistan emanating from protracted and prevailing wars and poverty. Taking the harms of this heinous phenomenon into account, the High Commission of Combat against Human and Migrants Trafficking has been established with the responsibility of chairing it by the minister of justice.

The government of Afghanistan for the purpose of implementing the provisions of Law on Combat against Human and Migrants Trafficking, and most importantly the provision of the Penal Code which criminalizes not only trafficking in persons and migrants smuggling but also provides for crimes related to drugs and narcotics, has made vigorous coordination amongst the state institutions resulted into facilitation in the detection of crimes and arrest of human trafficking suspects, addressing cases and bringing to justice the accused of human and migrants trafficking, public awareness, supporting victims and making efforts for coordination in regional and global levels.

3. Corruption:

Combating against corruption for the purpose of providing quality justice services to the citizens of the country is considered to be the most important duty of Afghanistan. The government has succeeded to bring a series of reforms in relevant areas on the basis of legislative calendar, national priority programs, implementation of commitments of Afghanistan made to the international community, such as to Brussels and Geneva Conferences and particularly the National Justice Reforms Program. These reforms include but may not be limited to institutional reforms, combat against administrative corruption, transparency, capacity building, provision of services and amendment to laws and relevant regulations.

For the purpose of combating corruption and attracting the trust of the general public and the international community, the government of Afghanistan has processed and adopted

certain legislative documents particularly, the Penal Code which reflects the international crimes such as genocide crime, crime against humanity, war crime and crime of aggression.

In addition to that, the Law on Combating Administrative Corruption, Law on Access to Information, the Law on Protecting Whistleblowers of Administrative Corruption and the National Strategy to Combat against Corruption are the other legislative documents that Afghanistan has adopted and implements them to end corruption and crimes. It is also mention worthy that very recently the Government of Afghanistan in the light of international conventions to combat against corruption, has established the Commission to Combat against Administrative Corruption which in deed would report its findings on cases of Corruption to the President, National Assembly and the people of Afghanistan.

All the same, it is commendable that the Government of Afghanistan has created the Center to Combat against Administrative Corruption under the title of ACJC which deals with the cases of corruption committed by high ranking governmental officials and furthermore, for the purpose of bringing transparency and integrity, the government of Afghanistan takes the principles of Open Governance Partnership (OGP), the viewpoints of civil societies, private sector, religious scholars and the experts into account in drafting and scrutinizing the legislative documents.

Last but not least, allow me to conclude and assure you of the strong commitment of Afghanistan so that the fight against crimes leads to the establishment of rule of law not only in Afghanistan but also in the region and in the world.

Looking forward for the success of this tremendous global conference on the way to put an ending point to the evil of corruption and bringing peace and stability throughout the world.

Thank you for your kind attention!