

- The United States objects to the inclusion of Iran, Cuba, and the illegitimate Maduro regime as Vice-Presidents on the General Committee for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and has chosen to disassociate from these decisions.
- Iran is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism and remains the most significant challenge to Middle East stability.
- Cuba harbors U.S. fugitives, and bolsters and publicly supports the illegitimate Maduro regime in Venezuela.
- Maduro and his enablers tolerate, and have often cooperated and colluded with, criminal and terrorist networks, non-state armed groups, and many malign actors that perpetrate human rights abuses and human trafficking. Instead of applying Venezuela's resources to respond to its humanitarian crisis, Maduro and those allied with him pillage state coffers. The United States does not recognize the illegitimate Maduro regime, and its participation in this Congress cannot be seen as representing the will of the Venezuelan people.
- Recognizing the significance of this Congress, however, and in the interests of the orderly conduct of its important business, the United States chose not to block consensus on acceptance of the slate of candidates for the General Committee of this Congress.