

**Statement for the High-Level Segment  
of the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice  
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Honourable Leaders,  
Excellencies,

I stand here today, grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this borderless cooperation. The ultimate purpose in this era is gathering all together here, in this Crime Congress, trying to develop strategies, when the world is facing many threats.

First, I would like to mention about the **health issues**. The current breakout of the **COVID-19** made globally more than 100 million confirmed cases, including more than 2 million deaths. While the vast majority of people have freedom to protect themselves, prisoners have less freedom to access to all anti-pandemic available resources. Fortunately, we already have helpful international guidelines, such as the Nelson Mandela and Bangkok Rules. Through the synergies between public and private sectors, we pledge to optimize the **prison healthcare**.

Second, I would like to touch on the issue of **emerging crimes**. Transnational crimes, terrorism, cybercrime, drugs, and human trafficking are among the most concerned issues. Furthermore, the COVID-19 has made the new criminal trend of **falsified medicine and medical equipment**. These forms of crime threaten citizen in every level of the society.

Third, we must also promote **the rule of law**. Impartiality, equality, and inclusiveness are to be reaffirmed in the society. Thailand is now relentlessly working on the amendment of laws, that will ensure the full liberty of individual expression, with respect to **human rights**.

Addressing and solving these challenges are our only option. Any progress towards the improvement of such conditions will also fulfill multiple **sustainable development goals** such as goal **number 3, 5, 16, and 17**.

To conclude, what is required for us now is an **era of responsibility** and **a culture of lawfulness**, which cannot be achieved by separate ones. We must work alongside, joining hand in hand, accordingly, to help better this world.

Thank you.