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Mr. President of the Congress

Ladies and Gentlemen

First we would like to thank the State of Qatar for the warm welcome and the splendid work conditions made available to the delegations, extending our congratulations to all the members of the Bureau and the Secretariat.

It is with great honor and full responsibility that we represent, today, the Government of Angola in this 13th Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Our presence in this great forum is the unequivocal proof of full availability of the Angolan Government to continue the implementation of policies and strategies outlined for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as well as the promotion of International Cooperation.

The Republic of Angola acknowledges the importance of this Congress as one of the main forums for the creation and subsequent analysis of the
implementation on international legal instruments to prevent and combat crimes related to the trafficking of people, especially women and children, drug trafficking, smuggling of migrants, trafficking of firearms, corruption, terrorism financing and money laundering.

As a State Party of some of the United Nations Convention urged to join and implement the Salvador Declaration, the Angolan Government has taken consistent steps in implementing the principles established.

Our action regarding the matter is mainly based on the following pillars: the approval of the legislation regulating this matter, the implementation of mechanisms for the prevention, application of the law, penalty and the promotion of international cooperation.

So we would like, first, to mention the adoption of an extensive legislative package outstanding the **Law on Public Probity**;

**The Law of Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism.**

**The Law on Criminalization offenses Underlying the Money Laundering,** published in February this year, following the ratification by Angola of the UN
Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Transnational Crime and the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, in order to ensure territorial security and the Angolan financial system. This law punishes among others the following crimes:

1. Participation in Organized Criminal Group;
2. Terrorism, including financing of terrorism;
3. Human Trafficking and Trafficking of Migrants;
4. Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;
5. Arms Trafficking;
6. Trade on Stolen property and other Goods;
7. Smuggling;
8. Piracy and;

The Law of Crimes committed by Public Office Holders, aims to suppress acts such as the diversion and abuse in the performance of functions. This law also provides that public office holders respond criminally with a greater degree of responsibility to the common citizen or the other civil service workers.
The Law on the Legal Framework of Foreigners in Angola, regulates in a demanding form, the combat and control of illegal immigration, so that social integration is done regularly and consistently, thus fixing measures to prevent and combat this phenomenon.

There has also been approved the Regulating Law for Search, Orders and Seizure, which is to be applied to cases of terrorism and organized crime, whenever there is enough ground for it to take place.

In accordance, the Public Prosecutors Main Office in the Republic of Angola, institutionalized and conducted the operation of the National Directorate for Investigation and Prosecution, which is responsible for the prevention and investigation of transnational organized crime, such as the economic and financial crimes, drug trafficking, money laundering and financing of terrorism, trafficking of people, migration smuggling offenses affecting globally our societies and our people.

On prevention we also emphasize the creation of the Office of Prevention and Combating Corruption, of the Public Prosecutors Main Office, which is responsible for strengthening the legality, morality, protection of the public interest and the research and investigation of corruption or fraud acts.
It was also approved by the Council of Ministers, the Organic Statute of the Financial Intelligence Unit, established by the Presidential Decree, this body is responsible for receiving, analyzing and disseminating at a national level, information on suspicions of corruption, money laundering capital and financing of terrorism, adjusting its operation to the recommended international standards and modern operating needs.

**In this regard, the CMC - Capital Market Commission** has been created by Decree, to ensure the transparency of the capital market and transactions carried out on it.

Secondly, we highlight the creation and implementation of public mechanisms specialized in research and punishment goals against fraud and suspected and / or irregular financial transactions.

**The National Council for Children, established by a Decree,** it is a concentration body, a monitoring and inspection body of public policies for child’s promotion and advocacy.

Also as part of child protection, with regard to the prevention of youth crime and rehabilitation, was
created the Justice of Minors, which possess centers and ensures their integration in foster care.

Our government has also developed current policies of rehabilitation of the prison population (inmates), ensuring a better reintegration into society.

In a judicial level, the current Angolan legislation allows civil and criminal actions to be judge in Court for recognition of the ownership or the right of ownership of property acquired through corrupt practices, drug trafficking, trafficking in persons, to be judged.

Following the implementation of the Declaration of Salvador, has been created the **Interministerial Committee Against Trafficking in Human Beings** that has as its main task to formulate a comprehensive and integrated program in order to prevent and suppress the trafficking of People, in addition to drafting rules and regulations as may be necessary for a proper implementation of its combat.

Also in fulfillment of their international rules and due to the changes in the organization of the Justice System and the legislative changes under way, the Angolan government drafted the Law of Provisional Measures in Criminal Procedure, a legal document.
that sets out the procedural interim protective measures, including, measures of personal coercion, property-guarantee and detention.

Mr. President of the Conference, Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen

The Angolan Government reaffirms its commitment to promote international cooperation and implement policies and measures for the Prevention of Crime and Criminal Justice.

The Republic of Angola has undersigned over the past few years, international agreements on international judicial cooperation with several states, with the central authorities for the exchange of information and judicial orders, the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights and the Public Prosecutors Main Office.

The fight against this phenomenon is a personal concern of His Excellency, President of Angola, José Eduardo dos Santos.

The Angolan Government reaffirms its full commitment and engagement to continue the approval of legislative, administrative and political
measures so that together with this UN Commission, we face this global phenomenon.

Thank You Very Much