President of the 13\textsuperscript{th} UN Congress,
Secretary General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the United Republic of Tanzania and on my behalf, I would like to join others before me to cordially congratulate Your Excellency Al-Thani for being elected President of this Congress. It is indeed a manifestation of the confidence that the international community have in you and the Qatari people on the subject of crime prevention and criminal justice.

My sincere thanks also goes to the Secretary General and his entire Secretariat for the hard work in preparing this well organized Congress here in Doha. I wish to assure you of our cooperation and support in the various deliberations before us.

We are all aware of emerging trends and issues in crime and criminal justice and the tremendous new challenges that they bring forth. This gathering is therefore timely, availing the
international community an opportunity to exchange views and seek for workable solutions to the many challenges which calls for immediate and concerted joint effort to holistically address the situation.

Tanzania believes that in order to address issues of crime and its prevention we must address them in a holistic manner. Our experience tells us that the root causes of most crimes are poverty, geo-political location, cultural and social-economic dynamics.

Mr. President,

It is worth to note that, among other factors, our geographical location as an outlet for 6 land-locked countries and a bridge connecting East, Central and Southern Africa, has caused Tanzania to experience an increase of criminal acts relating to human trafficking and illegal migration offences, piracy, money laundering and corruption, illicit drug trafficking and transshipment of wildlife poaching.

Due to these increased trends, Tanzania has adopted, ratified and domesticated several international instruments in our efforts to combat the said crimes. To mention but a few, the following conventions and protocols are fully operational in our legal framework; UN Convention Against Transnational Organised Crimes, UN Convention on Terrorism, UN Convention Against Corruption, UN Convention for the Suppression of Financing of Terrorism, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, UN Protocol Against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air. Domestication has been concluded on areas of
piracy, corruption, human trafficking, terrorism, money laundering and drugs. Apart from the above domestication, Tanzania is signatory of several joint efforts to prevent and combat crimes at regional levels such as the Africa Union (AU), East Africa Community (EAC), Southern African Development Community (SADC), Great Lakes Region (GLRC) and the Indian Ocean Forum on Maritime Crimes.

Mr. President,

In order to practically maintain peace and tranquility while at the same time ensure crime is prevented, Tanzania had to establish and strengthen a number of institutions and forums. These include the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB), Anti-Drugs Unit which is soon becoming the Drug Control and Enforcement Authority, Financial Intelligence Unit, Criminal Justice Forum and other task force teams for combating specific type of crimes. Improvements were made in the co-ordination of investigation and establishment of a robust civil prosecution system so as to speed up trials, improvement of prisons conditions by establishing a prison monitoring regime to ensure that living conditions of prisoners in Tanzania are consistent with human rights standards and international best practices.

Mr. President,

Instead of increasing the number of prisons as a measure to reduce prison congestions, Tanzania has devised a system that encourage courts to give non-custodial sentences and community service, as well as extending parole to entitled prisoners.
We are pleased to inform this congress that these efforts are paying dividends, whereby Tanzania is ranking better in its compliance to the Protocol of the African Charter on the Right of women, guaranteeing the right to integrity and security of women, pregnant and nursing mothers in detention, and suspension of the death penalty of pregnant and nursing mothers.

**Mr. President,**
Apart from the above noted efforts and successes, Tanzania is also facing some challenges such as limited resources in terms of finances, coping with technological advancement used crime networks, inadequate infrastructures and working tools to prevent and combat crimes particularly maritime crimes. All these challenges cannot be addressed internally without inviting regional and international co-operation.

**Mr. President,**
The United Republic of Tanzania is mindful of the challenges of crime prevention and the entire criminal justice system which is happening around the world, in this case we sincerely urge the international community to come together in fighting this scourge. Appreciation is extended to the international community for the co-operation so far extended to Tanzania. We will continue cooperating with our partners in sharing intelligence information on cartels and syndicates involved in committing organized crime to make sure that they are prevented.
Mr. President,

In conclusion, the United Republic of Tanzania believes that crime transcends national boundaries! International organized crime groups have created their own networks which are sophisticated and requires all of us urge our Intelligence organizations to gather and share intelligence with regional and global partners in order to collectively combat the scourge of International Crime.

With this remarks I thank you for your kind attention