"Integrating crime prevention and criminal justice into the wider United Nations agenda to address social and economic challenges and to promote the rule of law at the national and international levels, and public participation"

These lines were chosen as the main theme for the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. It is fitting for us to reflect on them as we are about to open the conference in Doha.

Heads of state, civil society, academics, business and government representatives, and journalists have all come together. Our backgrounds might be diverse, but we are united by a common goal: making crime prevention and the rule of law a priority for nations and the wider UN. We have come from more than 140 countries to ensure that our societies will be better protected from the harmful impact of crime.

We are not alone in this undertaking. Public participation is a major theme of the Congress, and a range of special initiatives and meetings organized by civil society will make the 13th Crime Congress a diverse and inclusive experience. People from around the world will have the opportunity to watch the plenary sessions and committee meetings. International journalists will also carry the Congress’ messages far beyond the venue through print, electronic and social media. As we work together to make the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice a successful one, I would like to express my thanks to the government of Qatar for hosting the conference as well as the people of Doha for their warm welcome.

Yury Fedotov Secretary-General of the Congress
**Q&A**

**WHAT DOES THE RULE OF LAW MEAN TO YOU?**

"L État de Droit. C’est quand TOUT LE MONDE est égal devant la LOI!!."  
Birame from Senegal

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**PRE-CONGRESS CONSULTATIONS**

**Recommendations to the Congress**

In its resolution 56/119 of 19 December 2001, the General Assembly decided that each crime congress should include one session of pre-congress consultations. The purpose of the pre-congress consultations is to reach agreement on recommendations to be made on all procedural and organizational matters to be dealt with by the Congress at its opening meeting. These include the election of the President of the Congress and other officers, the composition of the General Committee, the allocation of agenda items, the adoption of the rules of procedure, the adoption of the agenda and organization of work, including the adoption of the Doha Declaration, the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee and the preparation of the report of the Thirteenth Congress.

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**SOCIAL MEDIA EVENT**

"The rule of law guarantees my safety in the way I live"  
Conchita Wurst @CrimeCongress13

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**THUNDERCLAP**

April 11 at 3:00PM CEST

“What does the rule of law mean to you? Speak out during the UN #CrimeCongress, starting tomorrow in Doha #myruleoflaw http://thndr.it/1w6QFtg”

Support UN Crime Congress in sharing this message.
DID YOU KNOW?
FACTS ABOUT QATAR

Doha is the capital city of Qatar and is derived from the Arabic word ‘Ad-Dawha’, which translates into ‘the big tree’

Football is one of Qatar’s most popular sports. Qatar will host the FIFA World Cup in 2022.

The lounges for delegates and NGO representatives will be located on the ground floor of the QNCC.

HOW DO YOU SAY...?

Hello - Salam
Goodbye - Ma’a salama
Yes - Na’am
No - Laa
Good morning - Sabah el khayr
Good evening - Masaa el khayr
Good night - Layla Sa’ida
Thank you - Shoukran
You’re welcome - Ahlan
My name is... - Ismee
Where is the... - Ayna Houwa
Can you help me? - Hal youmkinouka mousaadati?
How much does this cost? - Kam thamanohou?

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