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*Enhancing international co-operation on crime prevention and suppression challenges facing global security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

H.E President of INTERPOL

H.E Secretary General of INTERPOL

Ministers,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen;

First of all, on behalf of Vietnam's Government I would like to express our warmest greetings to all delegates. On this occasion,

please allow me to express my sincere thanks for Qatari Government and The Ministry of Interior of Qatar for your excellent arrangement for the Meeting and warm hospitality extended to us. I am confident that this event will help boost the role of the international police community on crime prevention and suppression to ensure security and order in the world.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Our world now witnesses rapid changes in all fields. Globalization and international economic integration have affected every country. Besides the advantages, we have to face disadvantages and big challenges represented by the increasing numbers and complicated situations of crimes existing outside the borders of any country and threatening security and social order of each country, as well as of the whole world. International terrorism and transnational crime have been increasing in numbers, nature and in seriousness, especially transnational drugs trafficking, human trafficking, cyber crimes, environmental crime, piracy, and international fraud. Crime prevention and suppression require each country to work closely together on the principles of solidarity and friendship, while respecting national independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

We fully agree with the report and review on the results of crime prevention and the difficulties thereof which General Secretariat members and Delegates pointed out at this Meeting to discuss the Organization's strategy and orientation of activities in combating transnational organized crime in the coming years.

[...]

Recent INTERPOL programmes, plans and projects are now focusing on assistance activities on information exchange, sharing experience and enhancement of co-operation in combating crime such as drugs trafficking, intellectual property crime, counterfeit of medical products and environmental crime [...]

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Attending this Minister's Discussion, we highly appreciate and acknowledge clearly that the drafting and publishing of a Joint Statement between Ministers of Interior and Ministers of Justice participating at this 79<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is crucial to highlighting challenges facing nations' law enforcement in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and appeal to Member Countries to enhance their involvement and role in international law enforcement co-operation to deal with global security threats. To contribute to the drafting of the Joint Statement between Ministers, Vietnam's Delegation would like to suggest some recommendations as follows:

*Firstly*, we affirm that implementing INTERPOL programmes, plans and projects recently initiated by INTERPOL have actively contributed to enhancing the capacity of police officers and law enforcers of member countries. Simultaneously, it also contributes to build a more developed organization of scale and quality and to promote coherence of police action in all countries of each region as well as in the field of co-operation on crime prevention and suppression.

*Secondly*, we fully support the initiatives of INTERPOL in proposing to expand the scope and scale of the Organization's influence in the face of worldwide challenges to security and order in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

*Thirdly*, the joint statement of ministers should be specific and highlight the challenges that police in member countries will face in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This is the fundamental basis for us to build on the strategic orientation of activities of the Organization according to the conditions, circumstance of each region and country.

*Fourthly*, we acknowledge that the stability of security and order of each country will actively contribute to ensuring global security. Therefore, we appeal to the police of member countries to actively build up and implement effectively a national security strategy in order to deal with emerging problems in each field, vulnerable area, sensitive area and area of significant changes in security and order of each nation. To promote bilateral co-operation with neighbouring countries at regional level to positively deal with challenges relating order and security.

*Fifthly*, we appeal to member countries to [...] positively work for and negotiate bilateral and multilateral mutual legal assistance agreements, especially mutual extradition agreements as the legal basis for international co-operation on combating crime.

*Finally*, to effectively implement the joint statement, we would like to call for the co-operation and support of member countries to deal with challenges faced by police forces of all countries today. [...] We suggest countries' police forces show their willingness to co-operate on

specific cases in accordance with signed national laws, international rules, and treaties, crime prevention and criminal judicial assistance.

We strongly believe that, with the great efforts of the member countries' police and with the direction of the Executive Committee of INTERPOL, that global police co-operation on crime prevention and suppression will develop a greater reach to build a world of peace, stability and development.

Let me conclude my speech by wishing all of Excellencies health, happiness and success.

Thank you for your kind attention.