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Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

Khoo Boon Hui, President of INTERPOL;

Ronald Noble, Secretary General of INTERPOL;

Members of the Executive Committee;

Heads of the Delegations of INTERPOL member countries and representatives of international organizations;

Representatives of Embassies in Hanoi;

Distinguished guests;

Ladies and gentlemen;

The Ministry of Public Security of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam warmly welcomes the leaders of INTERPOL, leaders of the police of INTERPOL member countries, delegates and distinguished guests participating in the 80th INTERPOL General Assembly held in peaceful Vietnam by the hospitable Vietnamese people.

The Ministry of Public Security of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam would like to sincerely thank the Executive Committee and the INTERPOL member countries for choosing Vietnam to be the host for this important event. On this occasion, I would like to emphasize that the 80th General Assembly of INTERPOL being held in Vietnam bears very highly important significance to the Vietnamese Government and people in general, demonstrating INTERPOL's confidence in the Vietnamese police in particular, the recognition and high appreciation of the development and active contributions of the Vietnamese police over the past 20 years since joining the organization in 1991.

Ladies and gentlemen;

The tendency of globalization and the process of international integration have brought about sizable benefits to countries in the world, but also pose many new challenges and difficulties to law enforcement forces in general, and the police in countries in particular. The activities of cross-border organized criminals have become more and more complicated. They have expanded their scopes of activities, taking full advantage of the differences in the legal systems and the scientific and technological levels and experiences of the law enforcement organs of countries to commit offences and crimes. Therefore, the aftermaths of their actions are very serious, not only in a single country, but in many countries. Hence, it is a must to have closer and more effective cooperation among law enforcement forces, the core of which are the national police of countries all over the world.

INTERPOL has been asserting its important role in the coordination of actions to fight against cross-border crimes worldwide, bringing into full play the role of a global centre of execution and command. This has developed into an effective cooperative framework in law enforcement to prevent and combat cross-border organized crimes with clearly-defined functions and tasks, based on international laws and the laws of members countries, with a close and flexible mechanism of actions, to assist the police in member countries in enhancing the efficiency of the prevention and combating of crimes.

Ladies and gentlemen;

Over the past years, thanks to the leadership of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Vietnamese police have been performing well the role and tasks of an INTERPOL member, with the proactive and active actions of close multifaceted cooperation with the police of many countries worldwide in preventing and combating cross-border organized crimes. We are also working on training and enhancing crime combating capacity, building a strong, regular, and modern force, contributing to ensuring the security, social order and safety of the country, and maintaining peace and stability in the region and the world.

We are very glad to note that, after 88 years of development since its establishment, INTERPOL has become stronger and stronger, on track with its orientations of actions and development strategy, making sizable contributions to the world's process for peace, stability and development.

The agenda shows that the 80th General Assembly of INTERPOL will implement a very high amount of work. I am confident that, with the experienced chairmanship of the President, the Secretary General and the Executive Committee of INTERPOL, as well as the contributions of leaders of the police of member countries and representatives of international organizations, this Assembly will certainly be a great success, opening new potential in the cooperation in preventing and combating cross-border organized crimes all over the world.

I wish you good health and a pleasant stay in the beautiful, peaceful and hospitable Vietnam.

Thank you very much.

