DEPUTY CHIEF (DEPUTY MINISTER) OF THE INDONESIAN NATIONAL POLICE

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ASSALAMUALAIKUM WARAHMATULLAHI WABARAKATUH,

YOUR MAJESTY PRINCE OF MONACO, PRINCE ALBERT THE SECOND;

PRESIDENT OF INTERPOL, MRS. MIREILLE BALLESTRAZZI;

SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERPOL, MR. RONALD. K. NOBLE;

MINISTERS AND HEAD OF DELEGATIONS FROM EACH COUNTRIES OF INTERPOL;

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

PLEASE LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, ON BEHALF OF THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE, TO EXPRESS MY HIGHEST APPRECIATION TO THE KINGDOM OF MONACO THAT HAVE ORGANISED THIS INTERPOL GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

MY GRATITUDE IS ALSO DUE TO THE PRESIDENT OF INTERPOL AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERPOL FOR THE HARD WORK THAT INTERPOL HAS TREMENDOUSLY ACHIEVED SO FAR.

IT IS A GREAT HONOUR FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK IN THIS PRESTIGIOUS OCCASION ON THE THEME CALLED "TO OVERCOME ALL BARRIERS FOR COOPERATION BOTH AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS."

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I BELIEVE WE ARE ALREADY AWARE THAT IN THIS GLOBALIZED WORLD, TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES HAVE INCREASED IN BOTH QUANTITY AND QUALITY.

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CRIME NO LONGER CONFINES TO A STATE BUT HAVING CROSSED BORDERS OF STATES.

THIS PHENOMENON HAS POSED THREAT TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF HUMAN KIND AS WELL AS ITS POTENTIAL OF DESTABLIZING SOCIAL ORDER NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

THEREFORE, A CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN STATE IS CRITICAL TO NEUTRALIZE SUCH A THREAT.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, HOWEVER, DESPITE OF 100 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL POLICE COOPERATION, OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS STILL ENCOUNTER BARRIERS IN HANDLING CASES OF THIS TYPE OF CRIME.

HENCE, WE NEED TO SOLVE THESE BARRIERS AS THEY HAVE UNDERMINED OUR EFFORTS IN COMBATING TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES AND WOULD REMAIN SIGNIFICANT IMPEDIMENTS TO SUCH EFFORTS IN THE FUTURE.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS, PLEASE LET ME BORROW INDONESIA'S EXPERIENCE IN COPING WITH TERRORISM WHICH IS PERCEIVED AS THE MOST IMPORTANT TYPE OF TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES.

BALI BOMBING OF 2002 HAS PROVIDED US MANY IMPORTANT LESSONS HOW IMPORTANT AN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS AND HOW WE GO ABOUT SUCH A COOPERATION.

THE MULTINATIONAL CASUALTIES INFLICTED BY THE INCIDENT HAS PROMPTED INDONESIA TO BUILD AN INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION WITH OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

A SPECIAL LEGISLATION ON ANTI TERRORISM WAS IMMEDIATELY ISSUED BY OUR GOVERNMENT THAT STIPULATED EXPLICITLY THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

A FULL SCALE INVESTIGATION ALSO LAUNCHED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MANY FOREIGN POLICE COUNTERPARTS.

WE ALSO EASED ANY LEGAL AND POLITICAL RESTRICTIONS FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING THE WAY TO REVEAL THE CASE AND BRING THE CULPRITS TO JUSTICE.

WITHIN LESS THAN THREE MONTHS THE CASE WAS SOLVED AND THE SUSPECTS WERE APPREHENDED.

THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, HOWEVER, DID NOT END AT THE REVELATION OF THIS CASE. REALIZING THAT AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST NETWORK CONNECTED TO AL QAEDA HAS INVOLVED IN THE BALI BOMBING AND OPERATED IN INDONESIA AND BEYOND, THE COOPERATION WENT FURTHER IN DISMANTLING THE NETWORK.

ALTHOUGH THIS NETWORK IS STILL EXISTENT TODATE, IT BADLY DAMAGED AND THE NUMBER OF ATTACK HAS DRAMATICALLY DROPPED.

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TAKING THE SWEET LESSONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN COUNTERING TERRORISM, WE HAVE EXPANDED SUCH A COOPERATION WITH THE SAME METHODOLOGY IN OTHER AREAS OF TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES, THAT INCLUDE DRUGS, CYBER CRIMES, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MANY OTHERS.

THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WE COULD HELP ONE ANOTHER SINCE EACH POLICE FORCE HAS ITS OWN PLUSES AND MINUSES, LEARNING ONE ANOTHER TO BUILD CAPACITY, TAKING BEST PRACTICES, SHARING INTELLIGENCE, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY BUILDING A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP THAT COULD GO BEYOND THAT OF THE FORMAL ONE. INDEED, WE ENJOY FRUITFUL OUTCOMES FROM THESE EFFORTS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I TRUST THAT WE ARE ALL IN COMMON IN OBSERVING THE INCREASE OF THREAT OF TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES TODAY.

THE EMERGENCE OF ISIS WOULD POSE THREAT IN TERMS OF INTERNATIONALTERRORISM. DRUG IS NOW RAMPANT WORLDWIDE.

PEOPLE DISPLACEMENT IN THE FORMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WOULD ALSO BE PART OF OUR FUTURE.

IN THE SAME VEIN, AS THE GLOBE HAS BEEN SHRUNK BY CYBER NETWORK, THE THREAT OF CYBER CRIMES WOULD RISE.

THEREFORE, ONCE AGAIN WE NEED A CLOSER COOPERATION. TO ACHIEVE THIS, TAKING THE LESSONS WE HAVE EXPERIENCED, I APPEAL TO ALL PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS TO FORMULATE AN IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THAT COULD PROVIDE EASIER WAYS FOR INTELLIGENCE SHARING, HELPING ONE ANOTHER IN BOTH OPERATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING, LEARNING BEST PRACTICES AND OTHER MUTUAL BENEFICIAL ATTEMPTS.

SUCH WAYS SHOULD BE ABLE TO OVERCOME AND CROSS ANY LEGAL AND POLITICAL BARRIERS AND FACILITATE THE CREATION OF PERSONAL RELATIONSIP OF OUR OFFICERS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

IN CONCLUSION, I PUT MY HOPE, THIS INTERPOL GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE ABLE TO REACH A POINT WHERE OUR COOPERATION GETTING MORE ROBUST AMONG INTERPOL MEMBER COUNTRIES. "IF IT IS NOT US, POLICE OFFICERS, WHO ELSE WOULD SECURE THE WORLD, AND IF IT IS NOT TODAY, WHEN ELSE WE WOULD BEGIN TO MAKE A CLOSER COOPERATION."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WASSALAMUALAIKUM WARAHMATULLAHI WABARAKATUH.

MAY GOD BLESS US.