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**Statement**  
by  
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In The Name of God

Mr. Chairman,

I am honored to congratulate you on your assuming of the chairmanship of the high level segment of the Congress on Crime and Treatment of Offenders. Certainly, your able guidance will lead this august congress to its final well wished goal. I would like to take the opportunity also to commend the dedication and leadership of Professor Pino Arlacchi, under Secretary General and the Executive Director of ODCCP in his quest for a comprehensive fight against crime worldwide.

Having read the national statement of Afghanistan on crime, making reference to its universal impact on all human-beings and ways to combat this main enemy of mankind in the plenary on Tuesday April 11, which was noted by the secretariat, this statement is going to be short.

Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen,

My delegation fully associates itself with all the delegations that have come together in this august congress to tackle the XXI century challenges in relations to combating crimes of all sorts regardless of their point of origin. The cry by the outraged community of the world, the real victims of crime, requires formation of a unified front against crime and criminals simply because this enemy conducts in this very manner, knowing no boundaries and making no distinction between the victims. Else, the criminals would rule, an unjust and a de facto take over by them, dictating communities to obey.

Mr. Chairman,

Due to the ongoing imposed war, having ravaged my country in all aspects of existence and development, I wish to make it clear that organized crime, money-laundering, crimes in the internet and etc. are not yet as big of an issue in the country. However, in recent years transnational and cross-border crimes, which are inter-related to other crimes, connects Afghanistan with the rest of the world mainly through drugs and terrorism.

The cross-border instigated soaring criminal activities backed by the aggression carried out in Afghanistan with the involvement of thousands of foreign military personnel, members of the paramilitary, ex-commissioned officers, and thousands of recruits and "volunteers" from the neighborhood, aimed at subjugation of Afghanistan and Talibanization of the entire region include the trifold criminal activities namely-terrorism, drugs, and violation of human rights-emanating from illegally Taliban occupied territories of Afghanistan.

The government of the Islamic State of Afghanistan is doing its part to combat these crimes and has committed its utmost cooperation in the security belt operation around Afghanistan and will so do wherever needed in order to be part of a universal solution and not a problem, However, as was well put by his Excellency, Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan the problem of Afghanistan is a European problem as much as it is an Asian". Therefore, it must be stressed out that having listened to the grave dismay and concern of the international community over these crimes that threaten the rest of the world and will eventually lead to other crimes in locality and in the region, it entails an international solution.

My delegation made note of and asks the secretariat to do so and fully endorses the proposal by the Resident of Tajikistan as the only solution to the Afghan problem whose root-causes lie with the cross-border aggression and misconduct of the infamous Taliban.

I wish you and this congress every success.  
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.