

**ITEM 4:**  
**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN COMBATING**  
**TRANSNATIONAL CRIME: NEW CHALLENGES IN TH**  
**TWENTY- FIRST CENTURY**

The State of Qatar makes every effort to implement the international, regional and Arab strategies related to combating all forms of transnational crime. Qatar also supports the efforts to enact the international "Convention against Trans national Crime" intending to limit the risks of these crime and their impact.

The State of Qatar continuously, and whenever it is necessary, develops its legislation to protect and safeguard individuals and the community from organized crime, narcotic drugs and money laundering derived from illicit acts, and from the other criminal phenomena.

**Statement :**

1. Member states should increase their efforts of coordination and international cooperation in combating transnational crime, including the exchange of information and legal assistance in the area of extradition.
2. Emphasis should be made on the importance of the role of the Center of International Crime Prevention in particular in the area of technical cooperation against transnational organized crime and the provision of assistance to developing countries.
3. Increased cooperation and coordination should be made between the United Nations network of institutes for the pre-

vention of crime and criminal justice and the regional organizations and national institutes in the area of technical cooperation for the prevention of transnational crime.

4. Emphasis should be made on the importance of the utilization of the United Nations model conventions in particular those related to extradition and mutual assistance in criminal matters.
5. Emphasis should be made on the importance of the strategies and plans of crime prevention and the need to include them in the comprehensive development strategies of member states.
6. A United Nations fund of technical assistance to the less developed nations should be established in order to develop and strengthen their capacities in fighting transnational crime.

**DRAFT OF THE VIENNA DECLARATION ON CRIME AND  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE: MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF  
THE-TWENTY - FIRST CENTURY.**

**Proposed amendments on the draft of the declaration:**

1. Paragraphs (5,14,18,20,25) fixed certain time periods laps to set the obligations; such periods should not be fixed. These fixed periods should be replaced by the term " as soon as possible".
2. In paragraph (7) of the draft is stated " We commit ourselves to the implementation of the Convention and the protocols there to." The term" and the protocols thereto " should be re-

placed by the term " the protocols that complete it" since a protocol does not engage except the state that signed it. It then becomes, for that state, an inseparable part of the convention.

3. It is important to clarify what is meant by the term " gender perspective " stated in paragraph (10) and the statement based on the western perspective of gender.
4. Paragraph (12) stated that action for crime prevention requires the involvement of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. It is preferable to limit the matter to governmental organizations only, as they are the only ones that are recognized internationally.

Emphasis should be made that the term " terrorism" stated in paragraph (17) should have the same meaning of the term terrorism as is stated in the Arab Convention against Terrorism, signed in April 1998. It stated that terrorism is " Any act, or threat to act accordingly, whatever its motivations or intentions, that is committed in execution of a criminal individual or collective project, intending to spread terror among people, to intimidate them by harming them, presenting their lives, freedom or security to danger, damaging the environment, one of the public or private utilities, its occupation or its expropriation, or endangering one of the national resources."