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Mr. President,  
Your Excellencies,  
Honorable Delegation,

It gives me great pleasure to avail myself of this opportunity to address you at this conference whereas the State of the United Arab Emirates is always participating in all of its previous sessions. I believe I am correct in saying that the committee for preventing crime and criminal Justice has achieved a lot in that connection.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Based on the policy adopted by the State of the United Arab Emirates inspired by the sagacious guidance of its government along with its wise principals is considered one of the leading countries which gives pointed attention to individuals and society thereupon.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My country is giving great importance to the challenges rising out of the crime particularly at the territorial and international levels as a result of the rapid technological development thereof.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I believe I am correct in saying that the challenges of the new millennium are large and complicated. No doubt that the information revolution and globalization are the most emerging ones, particularly in coining new kinds of crimes not known before, such as narcotics, money laundering, smuggling, illegal gun-running and corruption and trafficking and environmental crimes and terrorism and the alike.

In this connection the State of the United Arab Emirates emphasizes the importance of the adoption of effective measures towards fighting organized crime and considers terrorism as most of the pointed crimes that exploit human resources and material ones. As well we ensure that the international cooperation and the development of its mechanism of the said crimes is a must.

In this regard the assiduous gestures of his Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan to the Justice and Interior Arab Ministers that they should isolate those who sponsor terrorism while he was ratifying the Anti-terrorism Agreement concluded within the frame work of the Arab league activities are a good example.

As to the subjects in relation with the convicts and victims, our State based on its beliefs follows the attainment of Justice including the reformatory Justice through striking a balance among three demands of three rights being the interests of the

society, the victims and the accused. To that effect hard and fast rules were enacted and other enactments regarding criminal and reformatory institutions, taking consideration to human rights from prosecution up the completion of the sentence in case a verdict was passed, as well the State had taken effective steps towards development of rehabilitation and reformation towards the convicts to enable them inserting into the society.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In regard of the international cooperation particularly in relation with extradition treaties, the State of the United Arab Emirates emphasises conclusion of bilateral and territorial treaties between countries. In this respect the United Arab Emirates had concluded numerous treaties to that effect.

Furthermore, it is noteworthy that the United Arab Emirates in its desire to combat crime alongside punishments of perpetrators may surrender persons sought to be extradited to states having no extradition treaties with.

To conclude with, the competent authorities for now are thoroughly reviewing the criminal and procedural laws for the purpose to line with the development of the crime and curbing thereupon, alongside easing judicial proceedings.

Mr. President,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Challenges are overwhelming that organised crime is possessing means and capabilities and manipulation which most of the countries failing to face alone, the same require increasing international cooperation through exchange, of information, expertise as well the advanced technology. In this regard we call for intensification of dialogue efforts and continuing cooperation between the industrial countries and the under developed ones to reaching strategical ends to enhance the ways of combating organised crimes and to eliminate its activities, as well as to develop capabilities and experience of the concerned authorities in supporting its efforts and to enhance its functioning.

In the closing our hopes are great that working together, we could reach a complete success in that connection. The State of the United Arab Emirates inspired by its sagacious leadership is ready and welcoming all cooperation to consolidate the bases of security and peace worldwide.

Thank you.

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