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10th CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE
TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS (10- 17 APRIL 2000)

The Portuguese Presidency would like to congratulate you, Mr. President, on behalf of the European Union on your election to chair this Tenth Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, undoubtedly the event of the greatest political importance, in the framework of the United Nations in this area. Let me also through you, Mr. President extend our congratulations to all the members of the Bureau.

We are confident that under the chairmanship's guidance the main objectives set out for this Congress will be fully achieved and duly reflected in the Declaration to be adopted by the Congress.

I would also like to thank the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Secretariat for the work carried out so far, namely in the preparation of this Congress.

The European Union is fully committed to the general theme and topics of our agenda as decided by the General Assembly. May we also underline the involvement of the civil society in this event, namely in the framework of the ancillary meetings.

Mr. President,

The European Union will actively engage in our work during the next few days with a view to improve and enhance international cooperation in this field in the framework of the United Nations.

Thank you Mr. President.

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