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Distinguish Delegates
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of Vietnamese delegation, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all delegates and distinguish guests participating in the 11th United Nations' Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held in Bangkok.

We welcome the UN's efforts in organizing periodical conferences to create opportunities for nations to exchange information and experience in crime prevention, come up with a common approach on and strengthen cooperation in resolving global issues in the field of crime control and criminal justice.

In Viet Nam, crime prevention has received due attention with the promulgation of a number of documents related to criminal justice. The Vietnamese Government formulated an all-round national plan, which encompasses projects aimed at countering each type of crimes such as organized crimes, trafficking in women and children, drugs trafficking, frauds, money laundering, and other serious criminal offences involving foreign elements, child abuse, and juveniles.

The trend of international integration brings about benefits to nations while also confronting them with many challenges, including transnational crimes. The emergence and increase of international terrorism, high tech crimes, trafficking in women and children call for solutions at both national and international levels, which require close cooperation among nations and concerned international organizations.

In the previous conferences, participants all acknowledged the needs for enhancing cooperation to fight against transnational crimes. However, there are a number of factors that obstruct cooperation, including differences in provisions on offences of criminal laws and in coordination mechanism among nations related to investigation, prosecution and trial, legal systems and concepts of criminal extradition. These issues require continued discussions to arrive at solutions under bilateral or multilateral arrangements. Therefore, we endorse the agenda proposed by the organizing committee and hope that delegates will have lively deliberations to further clarify these issues.

On behalf of Vietnamese delegation, may I wish the conference a great success and you all you good health.

Thank you.