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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Colleagues,

I would first like to thank you for this kind opportunity to participate in this Conference. This opportunity allows us to benefit from the vast experience which the European Council members have in cooperation and coordination in matters relating to crime prevention and criminal justice. In this occasion, I would like to convey the compliments of H.E. the Attorney-General of the State of Qatar, Dr. Ali Bin Futais al-Marri, who could not be here with you due to insistent circumstances.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the concrete steps being taken by the State of Qatar in the development of the infrastructure of the State. There is a general revival in all fields including development in legislation and law. This comes accordant with the objective which the State aims to achieve by establishing a State of Law and Institutions. An example to these steps is the issuance of a law creating an independent Public Prosecution as part of the Judicial Authority, issuance of a law to organize the judiciary, categorizing levels of courts and assigning the duties of the High Council of Justice. These laws gave the officials responsible in these institutions the immunities required to fulfil their duties completely independent of Legislative and Executive Authorities.

In addition, we must mention the joint efforts of the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries, which aims since its establishment to strengthen ties in legal and judicial fields. These efforts produced throughout the past years a number of unified Laws for member States. The GCC Countries also concluded several agreements to organize and coordinate joint efforts. The most recent of these agreements was an Anti-Terrorism Agreement signed earlier this month.

The State of Qatar also exerts efforts in coordination with Arab Countries to promote cooperation in legal and judicial fields through the Council of Ministers of Justice and Interior of the Arab League.

Furthermore, the State of Qatar participates in many International Conferences to maintain transparency and continuity in dealing with different matters, especially international conferences relating to the activities of the Judicial Authority and crime prevention and criminal justice.

Mr. Chairman,

In accordance with the above mentioned, the State of Qatar was one of leading Countries supporting the idea of organizing the first World Summit of Attorney-Generals', Public Ministers' and Ministers of Justice in Guatemala. The Summit was convened successfully and the participating delegations had an important opportunity to present their views on matters relating to the duties and activities of Public Prosecutions and other Institutions responsible for

criminal proceedings. The participating delegations adopted a number of decisions, and established an appropriate mechanism to follow- through their effective execution by common coordination.

Furthermore, the participating delegations in the First World Summit agreed on the necessity of continued cooperation and coordination to ensure that Public Prosecutions will continue their effective role in crime prevention and criminal justice. For this purpose, the participating delegations agreed on holding an annual Summit of Attorney Generals' to guarantee the results mentioned previously, and therefore, the decision to organize the Second World Summit in the State of Qatar in November 2005 was adopted.

The Public Prosecution in the State of Qatar has since the adoption of this decision taken several essential steps to ensure the success for this Summit and that it would take part in enhancing cooperation and coordination between Public Prosecutions in different Countries. We are conducting a thorough examination to ensure adding matters of mutual concern to the Summits agenda. Additionally, the Public Prosecution has taken many administrative measures to ensure the success to the Summit.

Mr. Chairman,

It is apparent to you that the changes in the world in the past two decades have caused the emerging and development of a large number of dangerous crimes in different Countries: The danger of these Crimes has exceeded the national borders of states by the efforts of criminal groups to escape punishment through transnational activities. Therefore, we must confront these dangers with common steps, for we could battle these crimes through increasing cooperation and developing judicial coordination by facilitating proceedings which lead to criminal justice in cases with transnational nature. Furthermore, this cooperation and coordination will reflect on developing bilateral and multilateral relations between officials from Public Prosecutions of the world. This would truly have a positive reflection on our work.

Mr. Chairman,

We are honoured and delighted to invite you to visit your second Country, the State of Qatar, and participate in the Second World Summit of Attorney-Generals, Public Ministers and Ministers of Justice to be held in November/ 2005. This Summit will answer to the needs of Public Prosecutions worldwide and will address the problems these Institutions face in legislative, organizational and practical aspects. It would also be an opportunity to discuss the common danger we are confronting today due to the spread of Transnational Organized Crime, Fraud, Economic and Financial Crimes and Terrorism.

Thank you very much.