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Mr. Chairman,

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Qatar and the INTERPOL General Secretariat for organizing this session of the General Assembly and thank them for the hospitality and for all the efforts made in order to make this session successful.

Sessions of the General Assembly of INTERPOL always provide an opportunity for more dynamic global police co-operation. It is worth repeating once again that effective police co-operation is one of the key elements to strengthening global security. Numerous problems of our societies, the long transition processes and in the last few years the economic crisis, which typically affects the poorest most, make our job very demanding and set new challenges to all.

I am convinced that this meeting, where we promote democratic principles and the rule of law and security through the promotion of co-operation and exchange of information between police in the fight of organized crime and terrorism, will be a new proof of our willingness to build stronger mutual trust and co-operation.

Organized crime and terrorism are some of the biggest global threats in the modern world, which directly threaten the security and stability, not only at the level of individual countries but also at global level. Therefore, the fight against these types of crime is not only the challenge but also the priority of all countries, and the only right way to do this is joint action and mutual co-operation.

As confirmation of this I would like to remind you of the many police joint actions aimed at combating the activities of branched international organized crime groups. Active participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as the results in the fight against organized crime resulting from these police actions undertaken in the collaboration with INTERPOL, are the proof of our commitment and readiness for the future joint actions.

In January of this year Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted the Strategy for prevention and fight against terrorism for the period 2010 - 2013, which determines the general framework of action of Bosnia and Herzegovina, providing guidance for improvement of the existing and development of new measures, mechanisms and instruments for prevention of terrorism and fight against the terrorism. Bosnia and Herzegovina does not have one single law that would be the '*lex specialis*' when it comes to fighting terrorism as this is covered by the Criminal Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina

but from the organizational point of view in the last ten years, Bosnia and Herzegovina has established the adequate standards in the fight against terrorism, and the fight against terrorism within the security structure at the national level is in the jurisdiction of the several institutions. International co-operation takes place through INTERPOL and EUROPOL, and in exceptional cases by the liaison officers from different countries.

Our goal is a secure and stable state, established on the rule of law and democracy, which will thereby contribute to the strengthening of the global security. We are well aware that we can not succeed alone and without the assistance and co-operation with other countries, and for that we have INTERPOL which gives us very good and proven mechanisms.

We firmly believe that we will continue improving of the mutual co-operation in all areas of importance for the security of all our countries.

Allow me dear colleagues, to thank you for your attention.