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THE *INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYBER LAW, CYBER CRIME AND
CYBER SECURITY – NEW DELHI 2015,***

I thank you for the kind invitation to address all of you – advocates and emissaries of change for a more just and safer world!

The 21st century will go down in history as the age of information society but also of information wars, as the age of super computers and telecommunications but also of cyber crime and cyber terrorism, as the time of great slogans and strategies for justice and humanism but also of armed conflicts with bloodshed, of political hypocrisy and of illusions.

Today more than ever before what we need is concerted action against cyber crime and radicalism within the Internet space; coordination at all levels of the fight against high-tech crime; global strategies and clear-cut programs to enable the prediction, prevention and investigation of cyber crime on the basis of an adequate legislation of the relevant countermeasures.

Interpol estimates show that global cyber crime goes up at a very fast pace and outruns conventional crime. This pace is facilitated by the high speed, undisclosed identity and worldwide penetration of Internet which affords comfortable conditions for criminal minds that slip out of physical or virtual control. Individuals or small groups were involved in this type of crime in the recent past whereas today organized crime networks operate and form one of the hard cores of organized transnational crime. These high-tech cyber crime networks commit, on an unprecedented scale, online financial crimes and acts of corruption; crimes against intellectual property rights and freedom of thought; infringement on personal inviolability and invasion of privacy, encroachment on the freedom and confidentiality of mail and all other kinds of communication; different kinds of fraud, sexual abuse, kidnapping of and trafficking in human beings, including the trafficking in women and children who are traded as a commodity on the Internet.

Cyber extremism and cyber terrorism have upturned our ideas of digital networks and cultures which have been transformed from attractive forms of communication, information exchange and shared values into a battlefield of high-tech wars, fundamentalist ideologies, outrage and violence. Human rights and freedoms are nonexistent on this battlefield which surrenders to the unwritten law of transnational crime that was born in the extremist conditions of the dangerously increasing current global fundamentalism which is gripping the modern world where persistent poverty is a rule, non-availability of quality education and of career opportunities is a norm and social exclusion and renunciation of social justice occur daily.

The cleavage that has developed between plutocratic world political elites and the ordinary man inspires hope – it is our shared willpower to effect a change and to effect it here, at this high-status forum!

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Distinguished colleagues,

May I conclude with wishes for successful joint work to all of you within *the International Conference on Cyber Law, Cyber Crime and Cyber Security – New Delhi 2015!*

Let the materialization of the set goals and tasks be the crown of our concerted efforts!

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