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Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to thank our United Nations' colleagues for organizing this important Police Chiefs Summit. UN support to international policing is a key element in promoting sustainable peace and development worldwide.

The European Union supports UN efforts. It welcomes the UN's work in promoting international policing and in assisting countries in need facing crisis situations. The European Union's key instrument in this area is its common security and defense policy (CSDP) - decided by our 27 EU member states.

The EU currently deploys 11 civilian crisis management missions on three continents under common security and defense policy. Host states have invited these missions to support domestic efforts to promote national security and combat serious organized crime and terrorism. Specifically, EU civilian missions provide advice, assistance and capacity building support to the relevant ministries, police and criminal justice institutions at the strategic and tactical level. EU civilian CSDP missions work closely with host country authorities on a daily basis, in Mali, RCA, Somalia, Libya, Niger and Iraq amongst others.

Our missions also cooperate closely with relevant UN Police efforts as part of peacekeeping. Our missions make a key contribution to the EU's overall efforts to promote and sustain the security development nexus as part of the EU integrated approach to crisis situations. Today's important

gathering provides a platform for improved understanding and enhanced cooperation on police and rule of law at un, regional and national level.

Enhanced international cooperation in this area will enable us to address more efficiently serious trans-national organized crime and terrorism - common challenges that are more effectively tackled together. In this context, the EU supports the further promotion of international standards in policing and rule of law cooperation under un auspices.

Thank you