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In the name of God

Chairman of the conference...
Your highnesses and Excellencies...
Ladies and gentlemen

Peace be upon you

Dear Sir... First, I would like to welcome your chairmanship for the 4th round of the conference and I wish you a continuous success in this mission. Also I would like to thank the Government and people of the Kingdom of Morocco on their welcoming and hospitality.

Dear Sir... I would like to clarify in my speech, the importance of provisions that was mentioned in the fifth chapter of the UNCAC regarding recovering the Iraqi assets due to the importance of this subject which was our concern for the last 3 years. Although the UNCAC represents the legal frame that specified the mechanisms of cooperation in the field of recovering assets but at the same time it does not visualize a clear vision that the member states should be committed in responding to the legal assistance requests regarding providing information that should take part in facilitating procedures in both fields of extradition accused persons in a flexible manner and away from complications. I would like to mention that we started three years ago in Iraq, coordinating and opening direct communicating channels with anti-corruption bodies in some countries and we managed observe and seize monies of suspected persons across national borders. These efforts and successes were not based on specific legal mechanisms but were based on personal relationships and courtesies that contributed in issuing an administrative decision of temporary seizure over these assets. Hence, we would like to show our support for the two drafts submitted by the Republic of Egypt, first: in the area of the international cooperation in recovering assets including antiquities. Second: forming a governmental working team with opened membership and concerned with the international cooperation.

We would like to attract the attention of the conference for recommendation to the team work regarding the suggestion of establishing international web from the contacting points between concerning authorities for recovering assets to participate in reducing the procedural and legal obstacles which prevent, observing and size the proceeds resulted from corruption crime across national border, also reducing the political will effectiveness in recovery effort, We would like to attract the attention of the conference of the importance of adapting faster mechanism like size the corruption proceeds across national border according to temporal administrative decision issuing by the national competent authority and this will put the recovery efforts in a successful level.

In this connection, we would like to refer to the Iraqi efforts in fighting corruption both in the preventive and deterrent levels, where the workshops and conferences were at most importance in strengthening the integrity culture and conforming educational side in strengthening integrity principles and raise the crowd awareness of the corruption dangers.

After many procedures, surveys and anti-bribery operations room conclude that these efforts reduced the bribery indications in to lower levels, nevertheless was not meeting our expectations, but it deserve an acceptable levels by virtue of continuing the efforts. As to the deterrence side, the investigation operations on the corruption practices still in work, where studying the corruption cases by the court of subject exceed (9000) penal cases, also some wanted people arrested and the effort still continuing in take legal action against the suspected persons in corruption crimes.

Also I would like to refer to the establishing of Iraqi anti-corruption academy which have considerably contributed in using highly profiled experts and specialized in the field of fighting corruption and fields of educating and training especially regarding adopting advanced standards in training investigators in the field of financial investigations and tracking the proceeds of corruption and recover the assets. The memorandum of understanding made between Iraq and international anti-corruption academy will serve in developing Iraqi anti-corruption academy which established previously and developing performance levels for the Iraqi national authorities specialized in fighting corruption crimes in Iraq.

And I would like to refer to the issuing of CoI law and it takes the ratifying steps by competent authority after been enacted by CoR, CoI law included new provisions as: criminalizing the illegal gain, establishing a directorate for extradition and directorate for researches

and studies which undertakes studying corruption and its social, economic, political and cultural effects by adopting the modern means of research, study and analyzing which promote the work of competent authorities in fighting corruption.

As I would like to mention a detailed provisions concerning the mechanisms procedures and the competent authority for law enforcement as well as the establishment of Iraqi Anti Corruption Academy for fighting corruption that was mentioned above.

It was worth to mention also the progress that was achieved in the joint cooperation levels between law enforcement authority in Iraq such as; commission of Integrity, BSA and IG offices with the central government This cooperation has great influence on the good results and findings, though those results were not sufficient but the continuous efforts on completing coordination process and joined work between the monitoring authority and the central government will have results more acceptable and more effected regarding the determent level in spite of the challenges and obstacles that face the central government concerning this issue but Iraq still in the right bath since 2003 and keeping on fighting corruption in all it's types.

Iraq has exerted efforts to coordinate with the international organization in all fields especially in the field of building capacities and the adapted experience in monitoring the corruption proceeds that were smuggled abroad and how to seize it in order to recover it.

Iraq has continuous exerted efforts in this regards in pursuant to the provisions that was stated in the International Convention for fighting corruption.

Concerning this matter we would like to convey our great gratitude and appreciation for the technical support from the General Secretariat of the conference and the relevant United Nation office. The delegation also was very grateful to the government and the nation of Morocco for the facilities that led to success for discussion and meeting among the delegations of member states.

Thank you

Peace be upon you