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هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً لَكُمْ مِنْهُ شَرَابٌ وَمِنْهُ شَجَرٌ فِيهِ تُسِيمُونَ يُنْزِلُ
لَكُمْ بِهِ الزَّيْتُونَ وَالنَّخِيلَ وَالْأَعْنَابَ وَمِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً
لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ "

The Bible verse same as the Quran is very clear about God wanting us to take care of the earth! In Genesis 2:15 "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it".

Your Excellencies dear distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, before I start, I would like to thank his excellency the Prosecutor General of Morocco for generously hosting this event and the remarkable efforts of the Kingdom and his excellencies office must be mentioned noting that only few months ago the Kingdom generously hosted the Arab Association of prosecutors as well. I am proud to have had the opportunity as a partner at these events to participate in both representing the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Regional Director for MENA & North Africa.

It's my great honor to welcome you all and open the third and last day of the annual meeting of the African Association of Prosecutors. This event brings us all together united under one goal to enhance the collaboration in our beautiful continent among all the offices of prosecution general to be able to serve those who need our assistance and protect our societies from outside threats. As the impact of Climate Change globally becomes more felt with it, new threats endanger the day-to-day life of our citizens. The United Nations IOM office figures predict that in 2050 there could be anywhere from 44 million to 216 million climate migrants on the move impacted by climate change and while the figures showcase that this is a global phenomenon. Scientists believe that the highest impact will be felt in Sub-Saharan Africa followed by East Asia and Pacific and Southern Asia which happen to be some of the most densely populated areas on our planet. As natural resources become scarcer, the figures of populations are on the rise. Simultaneously internal and external conflicts are increasing, creating new opportunities for cross-border organized networks of international criminal organizations as they expand their lucrative business of selling false hope to our children, our most valuable but at the same

time vulnerable asset. It does not come as a surprise to you that the majority of today's marketplace offering these illegal services that include but are not limited to child-prostitution, narcotics, arms and explosives in addition to human trafficking and smuggling and money laundry. Do not take place physically, but instead in hidden rooms in the dark web and all deals are made and forged in the cloud while victims are attacked through the harmless devices in the hands of our toddlers. Your excellencies these new challenges require new types of capacities and new research methodologies to shut down the activities of these criminal networks and serve justice but that can only be done by shutting them down from the source and in order to do so we all need to combine our efforts and put our hands together. Today that dream has come closer we have a home today APA has a place for all of us to gather and work together thanks to his H.E. the prosecutor general of honorable Morocco generous offer to host APA in the Kingdom of Morocco. As I stand here humbly in front of you, I do this in conviction that I stand among colleagues' friends throughout the past years I have come to know the majority of you in person and I have enjoyed the many conversations we have had during our past events that you have attended. Moving forward I

would like to reconfirm our commitment today as the International Organization for Migration to stand shoulder by shoulder to prepare through new trainings and the most advanced technologies available to humankind by offering trainings through partnerships with law enforcement agencies to share the knowledge and learn from each other. In collaboration with the H.E. office, we will be delighted to partner under the auspices of the honorable Kingdom of Morocco and offer these advanced new trainings in the near future.

Finally, let us be guided by the powerful words of Nelson Mandela *"I dream of our vast deserts, of our forests, of all our great wildness, we must never forget that it is our duty to protect this environment."*

Thank you.