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**CLOSING REMARKS OF THE 24th INTERPOL AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE
Kigali Convention Centre 07th February 2019**

The Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs of Libya

The Secretary General of Interpol

The Inspector General of Rwanda National Police

The Secretary General of Rwanda Investigation Bureau

Chiefs of Police present and your delegation

Heads of institutions

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished Guests,

On behalf of the Government of Rwanda and on my own behalf, I take the opportunity to appreciate the Chiefs of Police and heads of respective institutions from across the African Continent and beyond for your relentless efforts to find comprehensive and concrete resolutions to

the security concerns of our Continent. When people are re-assured of their security and have no fear of crime rest assured development will follow.

Let me thank you Mr. Secretary General, Professor Jürgen Stock, and your staff for choosing to hold this conference here, attending and supporting the event. Thank you for making us your hosts, we felt honoured and privileged.

I also recognize the Non-Governmental Organizations that have taken part in the conference. The search for a common ground for fighting transnational, organized and emerging crime is probably the most important contemporary global policing concern.

Ladies and gentlemen,

This conference has been an opportunity for individual countries to network and build synergies for future cooperation in crime information sharing, experience sharing and enhanced interoperability.

The Table Top Exercise on countering cyber enabled terrorism has enabled officers to enhance their skills and knowledge to confront the emerging threats. I thank all those who took part in it.

I take this opportunity to, therefore, urge participants to implement the resolutions of this conference in addition to leveraging the personal networks built here.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

There is no doubt that cooperation, collaboration, timely information sharing and coordination amongst our countries policing institutions will result in superior capability in fighting cross border contemporary crimes.

Let me conclude by, once again, pledging Rwanda's role in making our contribution in providing safety and security globally through its membership to the global INTERPOL family and other fora.

With these remarks I declare the 24th INTERPOL African Regional Conference and the Table-Top Exercise Cyber Track II closed.

I thank you.