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Participants of the Conference,  
Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me immense pleasure to be here for the Valedictory Session of First INTERPOL Global Programme on Anti Corruption and Asset Recovery jointly organized by Anti Corruption Office of INTERPOL and CBI.

I commend the joint efforts of both these organizations i.e. INTERPOL and CBI in making this global training programme possible.

INTERPOL is making commendable efforts in the Global Fight against corruption through various means, training being one of them. It is providing specialized training to the Law Enforcement Agencies across the world in various areas and exposing them to the latest techniques in the investigation of various offences. It also provides an excellent platform to various countries for sharing their expertise and experiences in Law Enforcement. On the other hand, Central Bureau of Investigation, being a premier investigating agency in the country, is also contributing a lot in providing specialized training to police officers in the country. The CBI Academy is now considered to be one of the most reputed and professional police training academies.

Therefore, in my view the coming together of Anti Corruption Office, INTERPOL and CBI for conducting this Global Programme was very natural.

It is high time, we should realize the fallout of corruption and tighten our belts to fight it with all our might. Fight against corruption is incomplete unless we recover the illegal assets and wealth amassed by corrupt persons. The corrupt should be not only brought to book but their illegally amassed wealth should also be recovered and attached. Such property and wealth which is created through corrupt and illegal means is basically a fruit of crime and the guilty should not be allowed to enjoy these fruits. In my view, no fight against corruption is complete unless we recover and attach these illegal assets.

Therefore, this Programme on Anti-Corruption and Asset Recovery is a very important step in the right direction.

I have been told that participants have been given inputs on Critical Analysis of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Preventive Vigilance, Investigation of High Value Corruption in exploitation of natural resources, Investigation of corruption cases in procurement and contracts, Anti-Corruption Laws and Regulations, Frauds and corruption in financial sector, tracking the proceeds of corruption in the virtual world,

case studies on financial audit trails in tracing proceeds of corruption, Asset Recovery and Forfeiture.

A training programme of this magnitude, packaged for the first time, would need fine-tuning when replicated in future. I suggest that feedback must be obtained from the participants about the changes to be brought in to make the contents and methodology closer to the needs of the participants. I have been informed that an *Impact Evaluation Study* will be carried out after completion of the course, so that the future training programmes can be fine tuned even further.

I congratulate all the participants from various countries who successfully completed this Training Programme. I am sure, the training inputs must have definitely enriched their professional knowledge and would make them a better investigator and prosecutor. Such training programmes are an excellent opportunity for introspection, for gaining knowledge, for networking and also for striking long lasting friendships.

I once again commend the joint effort of INTERPOL and the Central Bureau of Investigation in putting things together in running this course.

I hope that all the participants and the faculties who travelled to India must have enjoyed our hospitality and found some time to go around and visit some of the places. I am told that the group is being taken for a study tour to Agra tomorrow and they would have an opportunity to see the Taj Mahal.

I wish you all a bright future and a safe journey back home.

Thank you.