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Dear Attendants of

The 16th World Congress of the International Society for Criminology

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude and deepest appreciation to everyone for the outpouring of support we received after the earthquake and tsunami waves struck the northeast region of Japan on Friday, March 11th.

Although the earthquake caused severe damage throughout the northeast region of Japan, many other regions, including Kobe, have not been affected. The convention facilities and hotels in Kobe continue to be capable of hosting meetings, exhibitions, and other events without any difficulties.

Kobe is located over 600 km away from the Fukushima No.1 Nuclear Plant 1. Kobe constantly measures the radiation level in the atmosphere. However there have been no unusual measurements.

The major international gateways such as Narita, Centrair and Kansai have been operating as usual, and everyone in Kobe is ready to welcome The 16th World Congress of the International Society for Criminology in August.

The Japanese government and Kobe will continue to disseminate accurate and appropriate information regarding the situation in Japan, and we will do our best to support the The 16th World Congress of the International Society for Criminology delegates in Kobe. We hope that you will feel confident in holding your meeting in Kobe as scheduled.

If you have any concerns about the city area, or specifically about the meeting venue for The 16th World Congress of the International Society for Criminology, please feel free to contact the Japan National Tourism Organization or the Kobe Convention & Visitors Association.

The people of Japan have resolved to overcome these difficult circumstances, and will overcome together as a nation, and as a people. We look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to Japan soon.

Sincerely yours,

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Commissioner

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