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Distinguished Forum Participant,

In my capacity as President of the Financial Information Unit of the Republic of Argentina, I would like to convey my support to the Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Forums organized by Congressman Robert Pittenger, a friend of our agency and a friend of Argentina.

With the support of the Congress of the Republic of Argentina, and Congressman Pittenger's advice, I had the honor of hosting two Regional Forums in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2016 and 2017, with the participation of hundreds of parliamentarians, public officials, and private sector stakeholders, from all across South America.

These Regional Forums offered a unique opportunity to discuss the latest trends in legislative development aimed at strengthening our legal frameworks for countering the global threats of terrorism and organized crime in a more effective way. This included also focusing on overcoming the vulnerabilities that facilitate their financing and money laundering networks.

As important as these discussions may be, it's the Forum's capacity to serve as a platform for building strategic relationships and partnerships among like-minded countries where this important initiative has its greatest impact. Global terrorism and transnational organized crime can only be tackled successfully among countries if done in an organized and cooperative way.

In our case, the Forum has contributed to strengthen the partnership of close collaboration between Argentina and the United States in the fight against terrorists, drug traffickers and the corruption that fuels them. The initial strategic outreach and awareness raising efforts promoted by the Forums, led to high impact operational outcomes on the ground that make us all safer.

On December 6, 2018, I will share more on this positive outcome as a speaker at the next Parliamentary and Intelligence Forum in Washington DC. Moreover, on January 14, 2019, I will support Mr. Pittenger and the Paraguayan authorities in organizing a third Regional Forum, this time in Asunción, Paraguay. I hope you may also be able to join us for this important event.

I would like to end by expressing my appreciation to the United States Congress, and in particular to Congressman Robert Pittenger, for his key contribution to fostering global peace and security through these important initiatives. I look forward to a continuation and greater frequency of the Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Forums across the world in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,



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