

Welcome Remarks
26th Interpol Americas Regional Conference
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Friends, colleagues, and distinguished guests,

It is an honor to welcome you to this historic gathering as The Bahamas hosts the 26th Interpol Americas Regional Conference for the very first time. As Commissioner of Police, I am proud to see such an important moment unfold here in our nation.

There's a saying that goes, "If you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, go together." In today's world, where the complexities of crime transcend borders, this message rings especially true.

The threats we face—whether transnational crime, terrorism, or cyber threats—are far too great for any one country to confront alone.

Our strength lies in our unity, in our ability to share knowledge, resources, and strategies. By working together, we can travel farther, achieve more, and ensure the safety of communities not just within our borders but across the globe.

The strength of our collective efforts is evident in the work of Interpol. Our ability to fight transnational crime depends on the partnerships we build and sustain. I want to express my gratitude to the Prime Minister of The Bahamas,

the Honorable Philip Davis, and the Bahamian government for their continued support, allowing us to host this significant event. I also extend thanks to the President of Interpol, the Secretary General, and the Executive Committee.

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to each of you as we gather here in The Bahamas for the 26th Interpol Americas Regional Conference. Our country may be small, but it is rich in culture, natural beauty, and most

importantly, a strong commitment to international cooperation.

As you take part in this conference, I encourage you to take time to explore and experience the many wonders of our islands. The Bahamas is more than just a tropical destination—it's a place where diverse cultures meet, and where our warmth as a people is matched by the beauty of our surroundings.

Whether it's indulging in our world-renowned Bahamian cuisine, enjoying our clear waters, or experiencing the vibrant energy of Junkanoo, I hope you find time to relax and enjoy all that our country has to offer.

Once again, welcome to The Bahamas, and thank you for joining us in this important endeavor. Let's continue to build on our partnerships and strengthen our bonds to ensure a safer, more secure future for all.