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*Ms. Joel Simon  
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*Dear Ms. Simon,*

*I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa AL-Thani, Prime Minister of the State of Qatar, addressed to your Excellency.*

*Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.*

**Ahmed Bin Turki Al-Sobai**  
**Charge D'affaires**

October 11, 2013

Mr. Joel Simon  
Executive Director  
Committee to Protect Journalists  
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Dear Mr. Simon,

It is my pleasure to extend to you my deep appreciation of your sincere efforts and the work of your prestigious organization in protecting the freedom of the press all over the world, as well as the guarantee of freedom of opinion and expression within the framework of the international instruments ensuring such rights.

In reference to your letter addressed to H.E. Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al-Thani, former Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, regarding the Cybercrimes Bill approved by the Qatari Shura Council, I would like to affirm that the provisions of the said Bill are free of any restrictions on the freedom of opinion and expression. The Bill is fully adherent to the Qatari Constitution, ensuring the freedom of opinion and expression. Furthermore, the bill does not breach the relevant international instruments.

Sincerely,

Abdullah Bin Nasser Bin Khalifa Al-Thani  
Prime Minister

*Unofficial Translation*

