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Cybercrime: from capacity to consensus – a High Level Event of the Kyoto Congress

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Cybercrime impacts citizens, government, the private sector and with carrying degrees of consequence. Hospitals, compromised by ransomware, lose capability to deliver life-saving treatment; children are brutally abused online by sexual predators; drugs and weapons are traded on the darknet and disinformation propagates on social media. Cryptocurrencies facilitate the anonymity of criminals. Political consensus in countering the threats is polarized and often highly political but, despite this, there are areas of consensus. Digital Evidence remains vital to almost all Organized Crime and Terrorism investigations, all Member States understand the need for increased counter-cybercrime capacity in their Criminal Justice Systems, economic prosperity is dependent upon systems that can withstand the intrusion of cybercriminals and our children need to be educated how to stay safe online. Prevention is better than cure.

Drawing upon the experience of States and others, this High Level event will, in a Davos-style conversation, explore the risks and solutions to countering cybercrime in real-life. Putting the politics to one side and focusing, with clarity, on how we better protect the public from a rapidly evolving threat, we will explore law enforcement and judicial cooperation, UNODC's capacity-building leadership role, links to the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation and how, even in a politically challenging environment, areas of consensus do exist.

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