

Madam Chair,

I want to thank you and the secretariat for your challenging work in terms of managing such complex legal process. We are open to discussions and collaboration to reach consensus for the purpose of drafting and finalizing this convention.

Regarding the Cluster 1, key issues in there are related to the terms in the text of the articles. For example, we would prefer the term [a computer system] to be included to this cluster rather than the term [an information and communications technology system/device], since computer system is a broad and core term which means any system or device possess a computing function. Additionally, the term [computer data] prevail the term [electronic/digital information], due to the fact that, data is the smallest particle which forms the information.

With regard to the Cluster 2, we would also propose that the Article 14 can be merged with Article 10 in the Cluster 1 while both entail the misuse of systems and programs.

As to the Cluster 3, we could suggest that the harm element should be taken to consideration in the text of the Article 15 and Article 16 paragraph. Also, we should take into account that the Article 16 paragraph 1 is already covered by the Article 10.

We will have comments related to the wording of the some of the articles in the Cluster 5, 6 and 7 in due course of the discussions.

The Clusters 8 and 9 are sensitive issues which demand extensive discussion, since these articles are one of the most challenging parts to reach consensus.

About the Cluster 10, Article 33 on Money-laundering, we want the text not only to cover the virtual currencies, but also virtual assets as well.

Thanks Madam Chair!