



**European Union**

**EU Statement**

**Fourth negotiating session of the Ad-hoc Committee set up to elaborate a  
'UN Convention on countering the use of information and communications  
technologies for criminal purposes'**

**Agenda Item 5 – General provisions**

**United Nations**

**Vienna**

**(Tuesday, 10 January 2023)**

Madam Chair, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The EU and its Member States support the inclusion of the five Articles in Chapter I on general provisions.

Regarding the outstanding issue of definitions, the EU agrees with your proposal to address the definitions after the main substantive articles of the Convention are finalised. However, in some cases, it will be necessary to discuss the definitions together with the main substantive articles to which they relate. Agreement on main substantive articles will in some cases be possible only if we have the same understanding of the definitions.

Regarding Article 5, as also indicated [yesterday] in my previous statement on the criminalisation chapter, including a dedicated provision stressing the importance of the respect for and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in measures undertaken to prevent and combat cybercrime is absolutely essential for the EU and its Member States.

Thank you Madam Chair.