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Lebanon Intervention I

On Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Negotiation Document

Agenda Item 4 – Provisions on criminalization

Madame Chair,

Allow me to start by expressing my delegation's appreciation for your able leadership of this process throughout its consecutive rounds. We commend your efforts and assure you of our steady support.

On Chapter two of the Consolidated Negotiation Document (CND), on Criminalization, my delegation wishes to present the following remarks:

1. We are in favor of including crimes listed in clusters 1, 2, 4 and 5 in the convention, while noting that Lebanon prefers the use of the expression "without right" instead of "unlawfully" in cluster 1 and 2 of the convention, as it is more appropriate as condition for incrimination,
2. We are less in of favor of including offences listed in cluster 3 as separate crimes in the current convention as they are redundant and have already been covered under crimes listed in cluster



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3. As for additional clusters, and particularly regarding art 26-34 CND are cyber related crimes already covered in other UN international instruments. WE do not see the benefit of including their provisions in this convention. If this approach of having separate offences is adopted, it would lead to a situation where offences, depending on whether committed physically or electronically, would be handled by separate (redundant) instruments, and would consequently entail different elements, standards, penalties and consequences.

I thank you Madame Chair.