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**4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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**United Nations, Vienna  
(Tuesday, 10 January 2023)**

**Lebanon Intervention II**  
**On Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Negotiation Document**  
**Agenda Item 5 – General Provisions**

Thank you Madame Chair,

The delegation of Lebanon is supportive of the proposed general provisions listed in Chapter 1. We do, however, have some remarks on Articles 1, 3 and 4, bearing in mind that we agree with you regarding discussing definitions to be listed in Article 2 at a later stage. The remarks are the following:

1. Regarding Article 1, my delegation is strongly in favor of using the term “cybercrime” consistently throughout the text rather than the term “use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes” because the term cybercrime is more well-known and common in both international instruments and in national legislation of a majority of Member States. using a different term might create ambiguity and may widen the intended scope.
2. On Article 3, and specifically under “Scope of Application” (3.2), Lebanon is of the view that the procedures included in the convention with regards to prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes should not be limited to the crimes included in the convention but to collection of



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electronic evidence (EE) in relation to “any criminal offence”. The reason is that there is no other UN instrument dedicated to the collection of EE when the crime prosecuted is not a cybercrime, and we need to enhance the collection of EE.

3. Finally, my delegation also has concerns in relation to the proposed Article 4, as it should be read in conjunction with the very broad powers listed in Articles 40 (Jurisdiction) and 46 (Search and Seizure) of the draft convention.

Thank you.