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Lebanon Intervention III

On Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Negotiation Document

Agenda Item 6 - Provisions on procedural measures and law enforcement

Thank you Madame Chair.

Broadly speaking, procedural tools are necessary for criminal justice authorities to counter cybercrime in an effective manner. Therefore, Lebanon is supportive of including some of the provisions listed in chap 3 in the convention and to their application on all crimes.

As regards more specific observations, my delegation wishes to bring forth the following additional comments:

Cluster 1:

Lebanon supports Art. 40 on jurisdiction, **and in particular** Art. 42 on conditions and safeguards, as it is crucial to ensure legality, necessity, and proportionality of measures taken with respect to Human rights and Freedom of people, taken into consideration that the more the intrusive the measure the more safeguards should be more enforced. We join other countries in stressing the importance of including language ensuring the protection of human rights, public liberties, and privacy.



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Cluster 2:

With regards to cluster 2 articles, Lebanon supports:

1. Articles 43 and 44, with the recommendation of not listing examples of data modification or deletion in the convention and leaving it general;
2. Articles 44 to 46, with a comment on Article 45.1.b requiring clarity on whether the service provider should have representation in the state party;
3. As for Articles 47 and 48, some attention is needed, as they are very much intrusive, we emphasize the necessity of ensuring balance between the measures allowed and the objective set.
4. Article 49 on admission of electronic evidence should be reconsidered, as it should only be included in national legislation.

Cluster 3:

Lebanon supports Articles 50 to 53 as long as they are in line with existing International instruments such as UNCAC and UNTOC, in order to avoid legal uncertainty.

Thank you.