

**SIXTH SESSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ELABORATE A
COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON COUNTERING THE
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY FOR
CRIMINAL PURPOSES**

COORDINATOR'S REPORT ON GROUP 20 - ARTICLES 59-67

(Courtesy translation)

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Thank you, Madam President.

We appreciate the opportunity to report on the progress of informal consultations related to draft articles on the final provisions of the draft Convention that we have considered under Group 20. Before proceeding, I would like to note that the working session where this issue was examined began and concluded last night, and therefore, progress on this point is limited. However, we have identified several areas that deserve collective attention and reflection.

First, it is evident that there are clear differences in positions regarding the threshold of ratifications required for the convention to enter into force. We believe that this is a point that requires further debate in order to reach a consensus.

Similarly, we note that the positions on draft articles 60 (1); 62 (2); 65 (1); 65 bis, and 66 (1) still pose divergences that require more in-depth discussion.

In an effort to facilitate progress in the discussions, and considering that other draft articles of the draft Convention already address cooperation between States and the private sector, my delegation has decided to withdraw the proposal related to article 59 (3). We do this in the hope that this gesture will encourage other delegations to make similar concessions.

Finally, we are pleased to see that article 59 (1); article 60 (2) article 62 (1,3,4); article 65 (2, 3, 4, 5); and article 66 (2, 3); as well as articles 61, 63, and 67, in their entirety, have been adopted *ad referendum*.

Thank you.