

**Oral Report to the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive  
International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and  
Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes**

**Group 8 Informal Negotiations – Provisions on Forgery and Fraud**

**31 August 2023**

**Thank you Madame Chair,**

Singapore engaged with as many relevant Member States on Articles 11 and 12 as possible, to develop a better understanding of the amendments tabled , in order to identify areas where there may be emerging consensus, and address as many concerns as we could.

In general, we saw delegations responding positively and showing flexibility to withdraw their proposals should they not find support.

Particularly on Article 12, the discussions centred on 2 issues:

- (a) the inclusion of the term “theft” in the title, and
- (b) the different proposals to use the words “gain in money or other property” or “economic or other benefit” in the article..

On the issue of “theft”, delegations consider that it is an editorial and conceptual issue, as this element is already covered in Article 6 on Illegal Access and that an article should not cover two different concepts, while other delegations consider that it should be included as “theft” is covered under points (a) and (b) of the Article.

On the second issue, there appears to be more support for the term “gain in money or other property” to describe the benefit obtained by the offender, as it places the focus of the Article on fraudulent acts committed for economic and financial gain.

On paragraph 2(b)ter, we similarly approached concerned delegations to work with them and encourage them to join consensus on this subparagraph. This was well received.

Finally, Madame Chair, we would like to commend you, your team, and the Secretariat for your patience, and thank you for the tireless work and dedication you have put into this process.

Thank you Mdm Chair.

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