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Dear Member States;

In my capacity as the Chair of Ad-hoc Committee for Elaborating a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purpose, I have the honor to inform you that I have notified the Secretariat to circulate the final version of the meeting-schedule for the negotiation and concluding sessions of the above-mentioned Ad-hoc Committee.

This final version results from large consultations, including with regional groups, which I carried out during the month of September. It's a compromise based on the following time sequence:

- 3 substantive sessions during 2022;
- 3 substantive sessions during 2023;
- The Concluding session in 2024, without determining, at this stage, its duration.

While drafting this meeting-schedule, I tried to accommodate the preoccupations expressed by the Member States regarding the challenges posed by attending more than three meetings in a year and their request to avoid planning meetings during months of August and December.

This final version takes also into account the organizational constraints, both in Vienna and New York, specifically the requirement to avoid convening meetings in New York during the main part of the UN General Assembly.

Furthermore, it allows sufficient time: i) to elaborate and translate working documents; and ii) to receive reactions and proposals from Member States and other relevant inputs.

The finalization of meeting-schedule for the negotiation and concluding session of Ad-Hoc Committee constitutes an important landmark, and I hope that this positive momentum will be maintained.

At this stage of our process, I would also like to thank all Members States for their constructive cooperation.

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Chair of the Ad-hoc Committee