Dear Member States,

In its resolution 75/282 entitled “Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes”, operative paragraph 9, the General Assembly requested the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, in consultation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector, including those with expertise in the field of cybercrime, who may participate in the Ad Hoc Committee, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis* and to bring the list to the attention of the Ad Hoc Committee for a final decision by the Ad Hoc Committee on participation.

Footnote *: The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the requester.”

In this regard, I have the honour to enclose herewith for your consideration on a non-objection basis, a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector, which have applied to participate in the Ad Hoc Committee, following the call for applications that was open from 2 November to 1 December 2021.

As indicated in the Note Verbale CU 2021/419/DTA/OCB, sent by UNODC on 4 November, Member States will have two weeks – i.e., until 21 December 2021 – to transmit objections to the Chair and UNODC, via email to cybercrimeAHC@un.org.

The final list, containing the stakeholders that were not objected to, will be communicated to Member States by 5 January 2022 and brought to the attention of the first session of the Committee.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Faouzia MEBARKI

Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee