



Dear Secretariat, My name is Denise Bowen, CEO of DB Connect (based in the United States) and ambassador for [Togetherband](#), an NGO based in the United Kingdom in partnership with the United Nations. Considering my speaking limitations, please relay the message below and proposition to the Madam Chair. I wish you continued success with these talks. Please note that I will continue my human rights advocacy. I am overseeing an artist's residency working with celebrities regarding helping the underprivileged in Africa and Ukraine. Also, I have publicly spoken about the myriad harms that can occur within the AI pipeline and advocated with the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots at the United Nations.

**Message to the Madam Chair:** Thank you, Madam Chair, for your impeccable leadership and the UN for providing this platform.

In the United States, cybercrime is surging unabated, affecting nearly every sector of the economy and threatening US security. Due to the increasing use of the Internet and the COVID-19 pandemic, cybercriminals have more opportunities to commit crimes. The human factor remains the single most critical factor in combating cybercrime.

I respectfully proposed these solutions that governments should include

**Embed more security into your supply chain.**

Governments today rely on a wide and complex network of service providers and contractors. There is a much higher risk of leaks or theft when there are so many parties handling confidential information. To combat this challenge, procurement must be tightened. Contracts should embed cyber security. Ideally, suppliers should all be certified to an industry standard. Regular monitoring and independent audits can reassure the government that standards are being maintained, to avoid weak links in the chain.

**Collaboration with the private sector.**

The government might benefit from leveraging some of the expertise and experience of other industries in combating cybercrime. By collaborating, you are bringing in fresh ideas, benchmarking, and peer comparison, as well as being challenged.

Again, thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I wish you a lovely week ahead.

Kind regards,

Denise Bowen, CEO of DB Connect