



General Statement by INTERPOL at First Session of the Ad Hoc Committee

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[Madam/Mister Chairperson],

I have the privilege to present the general statement of the International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL.

The need for a global response to rapid increase and impact of cybercrime worldwide this growing threat is clear. INTERPOL has a unique position in the global law enforcement cooperation architecture, combining a broad membership of 195 countries and with neutrality enshrined in our constitution. INTERPOL also offers global network and platforms for law enforcement collaboration and information exchange.

INTERPOL's vision is to connect police for a safer world; and our mission is to prevent and fight crime through enhanced cooperation and innovation on police and security matters. Building upon this, we have formulated INTERPOL's GLOBAL Cybercrime Strategy, with the mandate of reducing the global impact of cybercrime and protecting communities for a safer world. This mandate reflects the role and duty of a police officer, to protect life and property in all of our communities and prevent crime in whatever form and shape it takes.

The objectives within this strategy are delivered through our Global Cybercrime Programme based in Singapore, from where we support and coordinate the efforts of our member countries in preventing, detecting, investigating and disrupting cybercrime.

With our expertise and insight as an international policing organization, we are keen to actively engage in the current process to elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes.

INTERPOL has formulated **four strategic** priorities that will guide our engagement in this process.

Our first strategic priority is to enhance international law enforcement cooperation for a timely and effective global response to cybercrime. The transnational nature of cybercrime means that our law enforcement response also needs to be guided by international cooperation.

The second strategic priority is to reduce duplication of effort in order to optimize the use of existing mechanisms, channels and platforms in addressing the use of ICTs for criminal purposes. There already exists several established channels and platforms for international law enforcement cooperation, which can be used more comprehensively for countering cybercrime.

Thirdly, we need to close gaps and bridge divides in capabilities, capacity and information sharing across the globe to overcome the challenges of investigating cybercrime. It is essential to increase the capabilities and capacity of countries to counter the use of ICTs for criminal purposes through training and capacity-building.

Finally, our fourth strategic priority is to maximize prevention efforts through Public-Private Partnerships for the proactive disruption of cyber threats and their ecosystem.

INTERPOL will be engaging constructively in the work of the ad hoc committee to reflect the global law enforcement's needs and perspective.

Madam/Mister Chair, thank you for your leadership in this this process and we look forward to a fruitful and engaging session of the ad hoc committee. Thank you.