



Statement on Objectives by INTERPOL at First Session of the Ad Hoc Committee

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Madam Chair,

INTERPOL recognizes the importance of this Convention, not only for the law enforcement community, but also for individuals, societies and communities, creating a comprehensive framework for addressing the use of ICTs for criminal purposes is fundamental.

Madam Chairperson, recognizing the proposed objectives and scope of the convention INTERPOL believes it should;

- Ensure that International cooperation is reinforced by utilizing and reinforcing the existing rapid response mechanisms and secure channels of communication between national authorities which also guarantee the respect of national sovereignty.
- It should make it easier and faster for law enforcement officers to exchange information and conduct joint investigations in compliance with fundamental rights.
- Encourage the cooperation between national authorities and the private sector, such as cybersecurity industry and service providers, and the creation of such an environment.
- Include preventive measures and the development of necessary capacity and capability of national authorities should also be promoted.
- At the same time, the Convention should recognize specific mechanisms that already exist and are in use, such as those that INTERPOL administers, in order to avoid duplication and fragmentation.

A new Convention offers the opportunity for Member States and other partners to utilise and enhance the use of existing INTERPOL tools and platforms as well as its other operational and analytical support to counter the use of ICTs for criminal purposes.

INTERPOL has a number of unique roles, such as:

- Providing a secure communication channel and cooperative network between law enforcement and other relevant national authorities;
- Host a central repository for criminal data from INTERPOL's 195 member countries, and private partners;

- Offer gateway between law enforcement and the private sector; and
- Act as a de-confliction hub for ongoing law enforcement investigations and operations can be instrumental in achieving the objectives of the Convention.

Madam Chairperson,

The proposed scope of the convention prepared by the chair, would be supported through INTERPOL's Global Cybercrime Strategy and programme, focusing on preventing and reducing the harm caused by cybercrime on communities.

With 195 member countries INTERPOL has neutrality at its core. Our activities are focused on crime matters, which again is in line with the proposed scope of the convention.

INTERPOL will continue to reflect the reality, needs and perspective of international law enforcement; and stands ready to provide additional support and expertise throughout the ad hoc committee process.

Thank you Madam Chair