



In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

**Statement by the Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Before the Ad hoc Committee for Elaboration of the Convention on
Countering the Use of ICT for Criminal Purposes
Agenda Item (4): Objective and Scope of the Convention**

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Thank you Madam Chair.

we highlight the importance of inclusion of provisions on the protection of sovereignty, in particular, sovereign equality, non-intervention, and territorial integrity. Highlighting these important elements has been the established practice of relevant conventions such as UNTOC and UNCAC, not a new invention.

On the topic of human rights we are of the view that given the technical nature of the convention and the fact that this is not a human rights convention, it is not necessary to address this area that has been already covered by other instruments. This approach is similar to that of UNTOC and UNCAC in which purposes and scopes no references have been made to human rights, not to prejudice its importance but to highlight the technical status of these treaties. Accession, adoption and signing these conventions by almost all Member states well evince the support of the international community of this approach and that this is not at variance with human rights but addresses crimes in its specific contexts.

It is commonly known that one of the driving forces of crime is underdevelopment. Relevant conventions have long recognized the importance of fighting crimes through economic development which importance in the context of ICT could not be overstated. Therefore the convention should support Member States in fighting the use of ICT for criminal purposes by supporting economic development. In this respect, challenges and barriers that Member States face in this area should be also addressed in the objective of the convention. In the same vein, enhancing the capacity and technological capabilities of States, transfer of technology, and provision of technical assistance to State Parties fro fighting these crimes should be taken into account.



As regards the key elements we will inform the committee of our views under the next agenda item, yet for the time being we would like to underline the essential role of cooperation of service providers with law enforcement and judicial authorities, criminal liability of legal persons including service providers, the establishment of a global, technical, time-sensitive channel for the cooperation of law enforcement and judicial authorities one which ensures equal access of all States and without discrimination as well as asset recovery are among important topics that the convention should address.

We will also provide our written and concrete proposals on the objectives, scopes, and key elements of the convention.

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