



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 (5): Structure of the Convention**

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Thank you, Madam Chair, for giving me the floor.

In line with our position already expressed under other items of the provisional agenda which are in a manner also reflective of the general overview of the structure of the convention, for the sake of brevity, we would like to touch upon our considerations and observations regarding the structure, as following:

- The structure of the convention needs to reflect and set means and measures for implementation of the main purpose of the convention in promoting, facilitating and supporting international cooperation in fighting use of ICT for criminal purposes. In this respect, in addition to the general provision and preamble which should incorporate distinctive provisions as regard the purpose, scope and terminology as well as obligations in complying with the fundamental principles of international law, the structure should include areas such as international cooperation including in criminal, expedited forms of cooperation among law enforcement and relevant service providers and entities, cooperation for exchanging experiences, expertise and knowledge and also cooperation in asset recovery.
- Highlighting the indispensable and overarching role of economic development and particularly technology as one of the drivers of development, in countering use of ICT for criminal purposes, the structure should also consist of elements on fighting such crimes through economic development and transfer of technology. In the same way, provision of technical assistance including material support should be taken into account.



- Preventive measures, criminalization, liability of legal persons and criminal procedures should also constitute the structure of the convention. The merits and vital importance of conference of States Parties in facilitating activities by States Parties in enhancing international cooperation and capacity of States in fighting crimes committed via use of ICT makes establishment of such conference an essential component of the convention's structure.

I thank you