

Statement on The First Session of the Ad Hoc Committee to elaborate a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes, originally scheduled from 17 to 28 January 2022 in New York.

Thank you Madam Chair for the floor;

Madam Chair;
Excellencies;
Delegates;
Ladies and Gentlemen;

The Noble Institution for Environmental Peace, NIEP, is pleased, honor and grateful to be accepted as part of this noble venture **to elaborate a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes;**

NIEP aligns itself with Member States and other international bodies in support of the General Assembly resolution 74/247 of May 26 2021, "Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes." However, NIEP notes with concern and wishes to make the following proposals as an appeal while adopting any relevant convention:

1. The proposed comprehensive convention should take into account all aspects of human rights and human developments including relevant instruments governing this area; transnational trade, cross border security, data management, etc.
2. As internet and information technologies are essential to human to human communications and global transactions, the convention should consider accessibility and availability to all, most especially in developing and least developed countries. Because potential criminals take advantage of scarcity in internet and technology services to perpetrate and conduct cyber criminalities throughout the globe
3. E-Commerce and international trade with cross border data collection rules and regulations should be in line with that of UNCTAD, protecting mutual rights and benefits of all, and should not contravene with human rights instruments already enshrined in the UN human rights mechanisms
4. The Ad hoc Committee should look, and with much concern, especially into the negative effects of human trafficking and drug smuggling on societies; and therefore incriminate the misuse of Information communication technologies;

5. Lastly, Madam Chair, the harmful use of communication technologies to spread false information and misinform the world, or to mislead people about global warming and the negative effects of climate change, are all but very good reasons to criminalize the misuse of information technologies; and also give concrete ground to your Committee to adopt a tangible international comprehensive convention governing cybersecurity.

Thank you Madam Chair.