

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF SINGAPORE

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**of the First Substantive Session of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee to
Elaborate A Convention on Countering the Use of Information and
Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes**

Madam Chair,

Singapore welcomes the convening of the first substantive session of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate A Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal purposes. Singapore strongly supports all international efforts to tackle cybercrime through bilateral and multilateral platforms.

Madam Chair,

Cybercrime is a growing and persistent transboundary challenge that is constantly evolving and threatens all countries. The increasing use of information and communications technologies, which has accelerated even further with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, has provided criminals with more opportunities and vulnerabilities to exploit. Although the challenges faced by each State may vary, cybercrime poses a particularly stark challenge for Singapore due to our high level of cyber-connectivity. The only way to effectively tackle this problem is through steadfast global cooperation in preventing, detecting, and responding to these evolving threats as soon as they arise.

It is therefore imperative for the United Nations to continue playing a central role in discussions on cybercrime to enable states to better combat this threat. Singapore recognises the importance of the Ad Hoc Committee and this platform that provides all Member States the opportunity to take part in the consultative process. This will allow us to fully grasp all the challenges we face in dealing with cybercrime as well as to appreciate each countries' unique circumstances.

Madam Chair,

The new Convention offers a valuable and unique opportunity for widespread consensus on international cooperation to counter cybercrime. Singapore looks forward to an open, inclusive and transparent process that will allow the best chance of an outcome that the majority of States can agree with.

Please be assured of Singapore's active and constructive participation in the days ahead. I thank you.

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