

**Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on
Countering the Use of Information and Communications
Technologies for Criminal Purposes
Statement of Türkiye
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(Agenda Item 4 – Objectives and scope of the convention)**

Madame Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

At the outset, we would like to thank you Madame Chair, your team and the Secretariat for your tireless efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Madame Chair,

We attach utmost importance to free, open and secure use of information and communications technologies around the world. To this end, effective international cooperation is essential. In this respect, our country is ready to contribute and support the Ad Hoc Committee.

In this regard, the future convention should strengthen international cooperation and reinforce states' national capacities in preventing and combating cybercrime.

As stated in the General Assembly Resolution 75/282, the future convention should build upon the existing international and regional instruments and draw on the best practices in this field. The new convention should also avoid duplication.

Madame Chair,

We consider that your proposal on the objectives and scope of the convention can serve as a good basis for our discussions.

For the convention to sustain effective international cooperation, clear and precise definition of the crimes in the context of the convention is essential.

We consider that the convention should particularly focus on preventing and combating cybercrime and facilitate mutual legal assistance in this field.

Eliminating threats to the fundamental rights and freedoms resulting from cybercrime should be an objective of the convention. In line with this point, the convention should contain strong safeguards for fundamental rights and freedoms, including right to privacy, protection of personal data, as well as for the actions to be carried out within the scope of the convention.

The convention should include mechanisms encouraging development of effective cooperation channels among states in addition to mechanisms for exchanging views and expert information about new developments and challenges in this field. In this way, the convention will reinforce states' capacity through technical assistance and sharing best practices.

Moreover, the convention should also encompass the dynamic nature of the ICTs and challenges in this field. Therefore, the criminal provisions of the convention should also address future technologies.

Furthermore, effective measures to prevent internal communication of criminals and terrorists and their propaganda activities should be included in the convention.

Madame Chair,

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate our support to you and your team for a fruitful and successful meeting.

Thank you Madame Chair.