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Agenda item 4: Criminalization

Statement by Finland – as delivered on 31.5.2022

Thank you Mister Chair for giving me the floor and good morning to all.

Finland would like to thank you and your team for excellent work in the preparation of this negotiation session. In particular, the availability of a substantial amount of documentation contributes greatly to the negotiations in this session.

As a Member State of the European Union Finland fully aligns itself with the EU statement, and with many of the statements and proposals presented on behalf of the Union and its Member States. I would also like to deliver a few additional remarks in our national capacity.

Finland expresses our solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. We condemn Russia's military aggression against Ukraine, which grossly violates international law and the UN Charter, and undermines international security and stability. We deplore in this context the unacceptable statement delivered by the Russian Federation yesterday.

Mister Chair, Finland supports a narrow range of offences focusing on widely recognized cyber-dependent crimes. That also seemed to be the general approach in many statements presented yesterday and today. The core offences in this regard are especially illegal access, illegal interception, illegal data interference, illegal system interference and misuse of devices.

As regards on discussion on cyber enabled offences, we should have clear criteria for those offences, and consensus on offences meeting those criteria. Taking into account the limited timeframe of the negotiations, the task is demanding.

Mister Chair, Finland wishes all the best to you in your valuable and important but also challenging task.

Thank you.