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Thank you for giving us the floor.

Madam Chair,

Israel will present its perspectives regarding agenda item 6 - the preventive measures chapter. On question 32 whether there are particular groups that the convention should prioritize, we support the idea to grant children such a priority and special protection and would like to see significant efforts made to keep children safe online. We also wish to mention a few other vulnerable groups that in our view warrant priority under the convention, among them: victims of human trafficking, victims of cyber enabled sexual offences and victims of crimes in general. These groups deserve special protection regardless of any concrete preventive measures taken.

Regarding question 33, on the prevention measures pertaining to cyber criminals attacking critical infrastructure, Israel wishes to echo the statements on this matter made by the US, EU and other member states. Israel also believes this issue is outside the scope of the discussed convention, and as it's being relating to cyber security it is covered in other UN and other international fora and therefore should not be included in this text.

Regarding question 35 on the necessity of designating a national authority to prevent cybercrime it is our view that all states parties should designate a responsible authority and operate a 24/7 center in order to enable prompt and direct channel of communication. At the same time, bilateral discussions on specific measures should remain between police and other law enforcement agencies.

Thank you Chair.