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Provisions on preventive measures

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• Thank you, Mister Chair.
• I am happy to present Liechtenstein positions on the topic of preventive measures.
• To answer question 32, we would like to see that special attention is given to specific vulnerable groups such as children, women and the elderly that are disproportionately affected by Cybercrime. The focus should be placed inter alia on the teaching of how to use the internet in a responsible way and how to detect dangers. Dissemination of information on Cyber Hygiene is one good example. In order to reach as many people as possible, it is advisable to peruse a multi-stakeholder approach.
• Regarding question 33, we think that this question is mostly touching upon the area of Cybersecurity and therefore lies outside the scope of this committee. A specific provision on the prevention of cyber-criminal attacks on critical infrastructure should therefore not be included in this convention. The prevention of such attacks could be included in the larger context of the prevention measures.
• Turning to question 34, Liechtenstein does not believe that there are certain areas where an exchange should be a compulsory measure. An exchange with all stakeholders should be promoted in general. For this purpose, a safe environment should be created in which stakeholders can freely exchange information and also share best practices and vulnerabilities. The state can help to create the framework for such an exchange. Excessive regulations on the other hand can be counterproductive.
• Regarding question 35, we do not see added value to enshrine such an obligation in the text of this convention. We are however flexible on this matter.
• And finally, to answer on Question 37, we see merit in creating domestic contact points for companies, organizations and individuals, so that victims of Cybercrime have opportunities to come forward and share the necessary information to start an investigation. It is important to set up support for victims and find ways to help people in a non-bureaucratic way.

• Thank you, Mister Chair