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Madam Chair,

First and foremost, we agree with several delegations who stated the this convention should constitute a criminal justice instrument on combating cybercrime.

It would not be adequate to extend the scope of the convention for areas belonging to cyber security.

That said, madam Chair, we believe that the convention should still support police cooperation in preventing cyber crime. Crime prevention is part of the police mandate and police institutions should be able to exchange information that may lead to stopping crimes before or while they are been committed. In this sense, we are open to listen to suggestions on how the text of the convention could allow for this kind of actions.

We agree with the US delegation and others that critical structure should not be part of this treaty for reasons related to the differences in concept among countries, as well as because this concept is much more related to cyber security than to crime prevention. As for the creation of a special authority to deal with preventive measures, we don’t believe the convention should prescribe or mention such an institutional arrangement, but leave it to the discretion of each country.

The convention should welcome and encourage the participation of the private sector in the discussion and implementation of preventive measures, but not establish responsibilities for the private sector.

From the side of awareness raising, the conventions could encourage the development of preventive measures aimed at special vulnerable groups, including, women, children, elderly people. As well as encourage the development of educational programs in schools, universities.

Thank you, madam Chair.