Comments of the Islamic Republic of Iran in response to the Guiding Questions presented by the Chair of the Ad hoc Committee to Elaborate a Convention on Countering the Use of ICT for Criminal Purposes to the Third Session of the Committee

Agenda Item 7: Provisions on the mechanism of implementation

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1. Responses to the Questions related to mechanism of implementation

− We would like to answer questions thirty-eight and thirty-nine together. Generally, we see merits in establishing a Conference of States Parties for enhancing international cooperation, improving the capacity of States in fighting the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes, and addressing technical assistance needs of States Parties, especially, developing countries, with due consideration to the particularities of the ICT realm. Notwithstanding, the approach to be taken for this purpose could be better addressed in the light of the overall content of the Convention.

− On the last question, we believe that it is for states and their domestic laws to decide how to make the best use of the experience and expertise of entities such as the private sector, academia, etc. That being said, the inclusion of these areas in the provisions of this convention is not necessary.