Japan’s Response to the Guiding Questions regarding Agenda Item 7

Question 38:
To address cybercrime by making the best use of each Party’s resources, it is important to avoid duplication of efforts under other international agreements and consider truly necessary implementation mechanisms. Such mechanisms could include those that enable the following:
- Facilitating information exchange among Parties on patterns and trends of cybercrime and on successful measures taken to prevent and combat cybercrime;
- Establishing a framework for the voluntary collection of information on good practices and challenges related to the implementation of the Convention;
- Cooperating with relevant international, regional and non-governmental organizations; and
- Developing templates for international cooperation, such as request forms, to facilitate and expedite cooperation.

Question 39:
We believe that an appropriate structure should be selected while balancing the effectiveness of the implementation of the Convention and the effective use of each Party’s resources. From the perspective of utilizing the existing frameworks as much as possible, we do not support option (c). It would be useful, for example, to delegate to the CCPCJ the authority to assist Parties in the implementation of the Convention.

Question 40:
It is important to draw on the experience and expertise of relevant NGOs, civil society, academic institutions and the private sector in implementing the Convention, which responds to new types of crime. The Convention could stipulate that a conference body in charge of the implementation mechanism could discuss ways to cooperate with NGOs, civil society, academic institutions and the private sector, and, as in Article 63, paragraph 6 of UNCAC, that the conference body could consider the information received from these stakeholders.