Statement by INTERPOL at Third Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on Mechanism of Implementation

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Madam Chairperson,

With the convention’s aim to strengthen the criminal justice response against cybercrime and reduce its impact on communities, the importance of the ‘Mechanisms of Implementation’ chapter cannot be overstated. This process needs to be guided by the principles of effective coordination and long-term sustainability.

INTERPOL will provide its analysis on two main areas in response to guiding questions 38 and 39 for Member States’ consideration.

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The first issue is the technical implementation and operationalization of the convention.

INTERPOL would like to thank Member States for their recognition of its role and the trust placed in INTERPOL’s tools and capabilities to serve the convention. Many Member States have referenced INTERPOL throughout the various chapters of the convention in over 20 written submissions, as well as extensively during our session here in New York. In doing so, Member States are building upon longstanding international treaties and practice to ensure consistency and non-duplication of existing modalities for cooperation, as well as reflecting the reality of law enforcement authorities’ daily work.

Since the start of the AHC process in February 2022, INTERPOL has been actively contributing our technical expertise, as well as putting forth areas where we are well-placed to support the convention’s implementation. These include International Cooperation, Technical Assistance and Preventive Measures. INTERPOL is the only global policing organization mandated to support transnational operations that can lead to the take down of cybercriminals and the disruption of criminal network and infrastructure. As such, we stand ready to continue playing a central role within the global architecture to counter cybercrime, especially through the implementation of this convention that may shape this space for years to come.

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The second issue is the monitoring and review of the convention’s implementation to assess its effectiveness in achieving the goal of countering cybercrime.
INTERPOL can tap into its extensive network of 195 member countries and their law enforcement agencies to provide a global picture on the use of the convention in practice. For instance, INTERPOL maintains the regional working groups that allow heads of cybercrime units to touch base in-person regularly, as well as the Cybercrime Knowledge Exchange platform for secured online sharing of best practices, experiences, and know-how between countries. Receiving feedback from law enforcement through these channels will form part of the evidence-based approach to be taken for the convention’s review.

In relation to guiding question 40, multi-stakeholders such as practitioners and the private sector can also be engaged in the review process through their close partnership with INTERPOL. Specific channels include INTERPOL’s Gateway framework, its Global Cybercrime Expert Group, and its membership in the World Economic Forum’s Partnership Against Cybercrime as mentioned in our previous statements.

In summary, INTERPOL encourages Member States to make clear in this chapter INTERPOL’s key role in implementing and operationalizing the convention. Non-state players, including INTERPOL, should also be able to contribute towards the Conference of State Parties or the relevant review processes agreed upon by the Member States.

Thank you.