Thank you Chair,

I feel like most of my statement has already been said by others. We agree we would be in a better position to draft the preamble once we know what is contained in the operative paragraphs.

That said, the principles and main elements should map those of the full convention and should reflect the core ideas contained in the operative paragraphs.

The preamble should recognize the need to balance law enforcement operations with fundamental human rights and freedoms. Reference to human rights in the preamble alone however, will not be sufficient. Human rights language will also need to be in the chapters that follow to ensure intrusive powers are subject to appropriate safeguards. If human rights are contained solely in the preamble, we risk this important element of our work becoming decorative rather than operational.

Linked to our exchanges this morning, we feel the preamble is also an appropriate place to recognize the complementary role of this convention with other existing international criminal justice instruments.

Thank you Chair.