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Thank you Madam Chair for giving us the floor.

Madam chair,

With respect to the chapter on technical assistance, we wish to emphasize the importance Israel attaches to this issue and our hopes that the convention will encourage states to lend technical assistance through sharing of best practices and technical information, the exchange of knowhow, performing training and conducting research. These activities are important in order to enhance and further develop the capabilities of states to prevent, detect, mitigate and investigate cybercrimes and to prosecute cybercriminals, as well as to assist state parties in implementing the convention. We have learned from experience that these types of bilateral exchanges are mutually beneficial and enriching.

Regarding question no. 29, we would like to propose the following distinction between the two relevant terms much along the line of our Czech colleague: Technical Assistance, in our view, is carried out in specific cases and is practiced on a more practical level – for example police to police assistance in forensic or investigative technics or tools. Capacity Building, on the other hand is usually performed offline and on a more general level it is carried out through the sharing of best practices, training and exchange of general knowledge and experience.

Thank you Chair.