THE THIRD SESSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ELABORATE A COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON COUNTERING THE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES FOR CRIMINAL PURPOSES

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AGENDA ITEM 5: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CHAMBER

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Madame Chair,

In respect of the questions on Technical Assistance, CARICOM wishes to submit the following for the consideration of Member States.

CARICOM believes that the concrete areas of technical assistance should include training programmes for the following categories of persons:

1. Law enforcement personnel;
2. Prosecutors;
3. Investigators;
4. Judicial Officers;
5. Financial Investigations Units;
6. Other personnel charged with the prevention, detection and control of the criminal offences in accordance with this Convention.

These programmes should include research and training programmes, secondments and exchanges of staff to facilitate direct exposure to best practices.

In our written submissions, CARICOM has recommended that training programmes include best practices in the collection of evidence, modern law enforcement techniques, including both overt and covert operations. Training should also extend to the methods used in countering criminal offences which are provided for in the Convention.
Technical assistance also includes best practices in respect of the protection of victims and witnesses. This will be extremely important particularly if the new instrument will include provisions pertaining to Child Sexual Exploitation and Violation of Privacy.

Madame Chair,

You have asked whether the new instrument should include provisions on the specific role of the UNODC as well as INTERPOL. CARICOM remains flexible on this and await further information.

As it concerns the use of the term “technical assistance”, this is the terminology used in other UN instruments such as the UNTOC and UNCAC. CARICOM has maintained the use of this terminology to ensure consistency. We welcome the views of other delegations regarding whether the terminology of “capacity building” is preferred.

Thank you.