NIGERIA’S CONTRIBUTION ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PREVENTIVE MEASURES, MECHANISM OF IMPLEMENTATION, PREAMBLE AND FINAL PROVISIONS.

Nigeria is pleased to submit to the Ad Hoc Committee, an initial contribution and general comments on the requested chapters for the third session, namely, international cooperation, technical assistance, preventive measures, mechanism of implementation, preamble, and final provisions. We shall provide textual draft suggestions as the negotiations progress.

1. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

We wish to see measures necessary to enhance international cooperation by building on and improving existing instruments. The provisions should encourage effective international cooperation between and among national law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies and the private sector in investigating and prosecuting cybercrime, drawing on existing treaties and measures that have already proven to be effective and well-established norms in previous UN Conventions and the Budapest Convention. In particular, the expedited preservation of data and electronic evidence, the real-time collection of traffic data, authorized expedited disclosure in emergencies, joint investigations, amongst others. Regard should be had to:

➢ UNTOC Articles 13, 16, 18, 19, 21, and 27,
➢ Budapest Convention Articles 26, 29, 31, 33, 34, and 35
➢ UNCAC Article 43

In addition, we urge states to ensure that human rights protections are clearly factored in at every step of the process, and that access to information and privacy are preserved.

2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Nigeria believes that an effective response to cybercrime must enable the international community to effectively work together. Thus, the convention should provide a framework for capacity building to enable effective investigation and prosecution of cybercrime globally, noting the vastly different levels of readiness for cybercrime investigation and prosecution.

We look forward to the convention providing a framework for training and management programs in this area, as well as technical assistance that support its implementation tailored to the needs of the country in question and be part of a sustainable /systematic process.
Regard should be had to:

➢ UNTOC Article 29 - Training and technical assistance,
➢ UNTOC Article 30 - Other measures: implementation of the Convention through economic development and technical assistance, and
➢ Budapest Convention Articles - 34, and 35

3. PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The importance of preventive measures in fighting cybercrime, such as cybersecurity education, capacity building, awareness raising, increased public-private cooperation, Implementation of advanced technical measures, such as encryption or multifactor authentication are pivotal and ensure a safer and more secure online environment.

Regard should be had to:

➢ UNTOC Articles 26, 28,
➢ UNCAC Articles 13 and 39.1

4. MECHANISMS OF IMPLEMENTATION

We reiterate that it is essential to create and empower mechanisms of implementation and review for the convention to deliver meaningful outcomes, noting existing mechanisms that have proven to work (e.g., a Conference of the Parties or the Council of Europe’s Cybercrime Committee T-CY) to oversee the operation and effectiveness of the convention.

Nigeria also believes that the creation of a multi-stakeholder expert forum for states and participants from technical communities and industry to exchange views on the evolving threats and potential mitigations would improve the security and stability of the online environment and law enforcement ability to detect and prosecute cybercrime offences, noting the value of public private cooperation in this area.

In this area, regard should be had to:

➢ UNTOC Articles 34, 32, 33,
➢ Budapest Convention Article - 46,

Thank you for your attention.