

## Statement of Hungary delivered on the July 27-29<sup>th</sup> Cyber IEG meeting

Fighting cybercrime is a priority for Hungary.

Hungary is part of the Budapest Convention which provides a legal framework that allows for increased international cooperation, and in turn, greater efficiency in investigating and prosecuting cybercrime. For us, using the Budapest Convention as the basis for mutual assistance and for obtaining and sharing evidence has resulted in a more expedite, professional and direct procedure.

The Budapest Convention has also been used by many countries as a model for developing national legislation.

There is a broad agreement that capacity-building and technical assistance based on existing instruments are valuable and effective tools in the fight against cybercrime, and therefore should be further developed.

The broad consensus on and the real need for increased capacity building cooperation would allow our efforts to have real, positive impact on fighting cybercrime. Capacity building should not be seen as secondary to legislative solutions. This should be referenced in the conclusions.

Hungary pays great attention to the training of law enforcement officers and would like to draw attention to the work done by the cybercrime academy of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training and the International Law Enforcement Academy, both of them seated in Budapest.

Our specific recommendations based on the above-said would be to:

- promote the use of existing international conventions and tools,
- strengthen and prioritize capacity-building and technical assistance cooperation based on existing instruments,
- and enhance international cooperation in the training of law enforcement officers.