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Statement by the representative of the Republic of Poland

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank all parties involved in organizing this meeting in spite of current difficulties and challenges. It is high time to raise the issue of crime and especially cybercrime, since it is worrying and it constantly attacks our societies and citizens, therefore we must not cease our efforts to work together in order to prevent it.

While analyzing needs and possibilities to create new international legal instruments, we believe, we should make full use of opportunities offered by the already existing ones. And the one we would like to recall today is the Budapest Convention. Although it was created in Europe, it proves to be truly universal in nature and global in support. More and more countries from different parts of the world are adopting the Budapest Convention due to its open character and usefulness in fighting crime.

During this session, numerous states have provided lists of practical recommendations international cooperation in fighting cybercrime. Poland adheres to many of them. In our view, the areas of capacity building and sharing best practices are particularly important because they bring practical results in a relatively quick manner, as well as increase international abilities to prevent and fight cybercrime. One specific recommendation we wish to point out is to encourage further development of the cross-border collection of electronic evidence, while taking into account the ongoing works on the 2nd Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention.

To sum up, Poland believes that the steadily growing level of cybercrime requires prompt action to protect our citizens. The trans-border nature of cybercrime calls for intensified international cooperation and for making use of the already existing legal and practical instruments. Such cooperative activities could be conducted in parallel at bilateral, regional and global levels.

Thank you for your attention.