Thank you Chair.

This is Virginia Sakellaropoulou, Public Prosecutor.

Distinguished Delegates,

When it comes to prevention, schools should have a primary role. Firstly, Information Technology teachers should make sure students understand the various dangers of the Internet.

Additionally, in Greece, the Cybercrime Division of the Hellenic Police, of which I am Supervisor, organizes school seminars to inform and raise students’ awareness of the dark side of the Internet.

In those school seminars, students via the use of videos are informed on how they may fall victims of blackmail, how they may put at risk their family’s property, for example by misusing their parents’ credit cards and revealing their passwords, or how they can put in danger their families’ security by revealing family secrets to third parties online. Through those videos, students also realize that friends are the individuals they meet at school or in their neighborhood, in contrast to the ones they may
encounter online, who could be presenting themselves under a fake id or role and then disappear.

Given my experience so far, and especially the one acquired through school visits under my role as Supervisor of the Cybercrime Division of the Hellenic Police, I can tell that students are highly interested in being informed about the dangers of the Internet since they actively participate in them by asking questions, by making statements and by sharing their concerns. I claim that this practice is effective in terms of prevention.

Apart from education, important information concerning the way that offenders act can be acquired from the victims themselves.

Finally, informational TV shows presented by experts can contribute to cybercrime prevention.

These are the recommendations from the Greek side.

Thank you, Distinguished Delegates.
Thank you Chair.