

Statement by the Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chair,

My delegation highly commends all of the efforts that led to the organization of this session, which is certainly an important commencement for a determinative goal. I would like to assure you of my delegation's support and constructive engagement during the entirety of this process.

Mr. Chair,

The information and communications technologies have created promising opportunities for nations to explore new horizons for development and prosperity, yet at the same time, the misuse of such technologies has turned into a formidable challenge for the international community and has deeply affected and in some cases shifted trends of crimes at the global level. The emergence of new crimes as a result of using ICT for criminal purposes continues to threaten the security and safety of our increasingly digitalizing societies and as our nations grow more dependent on technology and the internet, continues to exponentially penetrate into lives of people, while the perilous ramifications of misuse of these technological tools appear more daunting every day.

Cybercrimes are new sources of lucrative profits for illicit activities and are becoming more sophisticated. Given the fact that such crimes often transcend geographical boundaries, a genuine collective response by States is vital. Throughout decades, international conventions as legal frameworks for promoting international cooperation among Member States have played an unparalleled role in reinforcing the fights against various forms of crime. Fighting cybercrimes is not an exception, as such crimes more than any other crime may implicate different States. As such, elaboration of an international legal basis for enhancing Member States' cooperation, while having due regard to the specificities and complexities of cybercrime, is not only an option but a must. It should remain amongst the urgent priorities of the international community.

We are of the view that the rationale of resolution 74/247 in establishing an open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental committee entrusted with the mandate of elaborating an international convention is to respond to this priority and promote international cooperation to counter use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes. For this reason, we support the works of the Ad hoc Committee and consider it a unique platform that could efficiently address threats posed by cybercrimes.

Mr. Chair,

In the light of the above, we invite Member States to facilitate and expedite the process of elaboration of the convention in a positive manner so as to ensure that our international responses to cybercrimes are commensurate with the development and sophistications of such crimes and that our efforts in fighting cybercrime prove to be effective and resilient.

I thank you.