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Mr Chair,

Cybercrime is a transnational phenomenon. Even when a country suffers a domestic attack, the means by which it is perpetrated, the software, the methodology, rely on collaboration often organized outside of national borders. Stopping cybercrime, therefore, requires joint international efforts.

Brazil faces a surge on cyberattacks, which are, nonetheless increasingly sophisticated. Child sexual exploitation through the internet, phishing, bank fraud, as well as the more recent trend of subtraction of cryptoassets and ransomware.

New technological means of "ransomware" add forensic complexity. Criminal groups are developing operational-systems-based tools, customized to each victim, that leave few tracks and with little presence on disks.

In view of such scenario, we congratulate Member Countries for choosing the theme of this Session of the Crime Commission "strengthening the use of digital evidence in criminal justice and countering cybercrime, including the abuse and exploitation of minors in illegal activities with the use of the Internet". We are keen to contribute to the discussions and looking forward for the outcomes of our deliberations.

International cooperation is key to fighting cybercrimes. Brazil relies on partner countries, on Interpol, on formal and informal contacts through national authorities. Good relations and goodwill, however, are not enough. Criminal justice requires that the cooperation be formalized. For centuries, countries have used mutual legal assistance tools for formally exchanging elements to investigate and prosecute criminals. Crimes committed in the analog dimension could be fought with analog pace. The reality of cybercrime volatility leads us to the conclusion that additional instruments and standards are necessary. Volatility can only be fought with speed. Digital speed.

It is therefore my pleasure to share with you that the Brazilian National Congress has recently approved our accession to the Budapest Convention, and we are engaged on the negotiations of the comprehensive international Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes.

Mr Chair, Brazil is committed constructively to improve the means for cooperation in combating cybercrime and we are glad that in this room we find many countries working in the same direction.