

THAILAND

**The 31st Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
Agenda 5 (afternoon session): Thematic discussion on countering cybercrime,
including the abuse and exploitation of minors in illegal activities with the use of
the Internet**

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Mr. Chair,

Thailand pledges its commitment to tackle cybercrime. Cybercrime is not only a threat to people's lives, but it is also a borderless form of crime that compromises the security of societies. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the problem of illegal activities in the cyber world as people increasingly rely on online activities due to social distancing and other COVID-19 preventive measures. While the world struggles with the pandemic, cybercrime against minors, especially marginalized ones, have risen. Children and youth are susceptible to fall victim to various forms of abuse and exploitation on online platforms, including sex-related crimes, drugs, terrorism and extremism.

Thailand stands with the international community in lending its full effort to combat online illegal activities against children. We uphold the UN Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to establish mechanisms to fight crimes against minors. In 2019, the Declaration on the Protection of Children from all Forms of Online Exploitation and Abuse in ASEAN was adopted. Through the commitment of relevant institutions, The Regional Plan of Action for the Protection of Children from all Forms of Online Exploitation and Abuse in ASEAN has been developed and was noted by the ASEAN Summit in October 2021.

Thailand reiterates its commitment to actively participate in the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes. Thailand's view is that the new Convention should include provisions criminalizing "cyber-enabled crimes" of child pornography, the protection of victims and provision of damages/compensation to them.

To fight cyber criminals effectively, cross-border cooperation among law enforcement agencies and multi-stakeholder strategies, involving in particular private service providers, are crucial. We are ready to collaborate with all concerned to address best practices to protect our children.

Thank you.
