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communications technologies for criminal purposes**

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Chair,

1. I'm grateful for the opportunity to address the Committee on the subject of countering the use of Information and communications technologies for criminal purposes.

2. Thailand would like to address the issue of online scamming, one of the most complex forms of transnational organized crime. Increasingly sophisticated, increasingly interconnected and difficult to detect.

3. Due to its location, Thailand is being used as a transit country by criminal groups operating scam centers in our neighboring countries. And the consequences have now gone beyond the region, inflicting serious financial and socio-economic harm to countries around the globe. Online scams are linked to other forms of transnational crime, especially human trafficking and money laundering, as well as human rights violations, including torture.

4. The proliferation of these scam centers is profoundly undermining both national and human security. Furthermore, their operations are inflicting significant harm on individuals, causing both physical and psychological damage to victims and those forced to work within the centers.

5. According to reports by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), over 5.6 billion USD have been lost to cryptocurrency scams in the United States, and 37 billion USD in East and Southeast Asia. More than 220,000 people were forced into taking part in online scam centers in 2023. The situation has now reached the level of humanitarian and human rights crisis, and urgent action - a well-coordinated and effective international cooperation is much, much needed.

6. In close cooperation with the UNODC, Thailand has launched a comprehensive strategy and the Specialized Cyber Scam and Trafficking in Persons for Forced Criminality Taskforce to enhance investigation and disruption of networks used by cyber-scam syndicates. This strategy also applies technology, including AI, to further strengthen prevention and cross-border enforcement.

7. In the investigation process, Thailand's response is also focused on victim protection. Through our National Referral Mechanism, we ensure that screening, identification and referral of victims of trafficking are based on victim-centred and trauma-informed approach and the principle of non-punishment.

8. Thailand serves as Chair of the ASEAN Working Group on Anti-Online Scams, and last month co-hosted a Regional Conference on Strengthening Online Scam Centre Response and Coordination. The Conference brought together government frontline officers from across the region and experts from various sectors, including social media platforms and service providers, to discuss prevention, investigation, prosecution, victim protection and the role of technology, and reaffirmed the importance of multisectoral and regional cooperation to combat online scams and trafficking in persons in the context of online scams. We also very much look forward to the signing ceremony of the UN Convention against Cybercrime this coming weekend in Hanoi.

9. I would also like to inform the Committee that at the 151st Assembly of the IPU yesterday voted in favour of Thailand's emergency proposal on "Strengthening Parliamentary Action Against Transnational Cybercrime While Upholding Humanitarian Principles" to further enhance international cooperation between legislative bodies on the issue.

10. Thailand welcome the announcement of countermeasures taken by the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Republic of Korea against online scam networks in Southeast Asia.

11. No country can tackle online scamming alone. Thailand therefore stands ready to cooperate with all partners to combat these heinous crimes to protect and bring justice to affected people. We must ensure that technology serves as a force for good not a weapon for exploitation.

Thank you.
