



Statement by

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on behalf of

**The Caribbean Community
(CARICOM)**

**at the First Session of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a
Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use
of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal
Purposes on**

**Agenda Item 7: Discussion and decision-making on the mode of
work of the Ad Hoc Committee during subsequent sessions and
intersessional periods**

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Madame Chair,

I have the privilege of speaking on behalf of the fourteen (14) member states of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Yesterday, my delegation took the floor to express CARICOM's support for the proposed roadmap and mode of work in the spirit of compromise – and I will reiterate that this approach is not our preference.

With respect to the Second Session in Vienna, CARICOM proposed that the order of negotiations on the preamble and general provisions and the provisions on criminalization be reversed on the premise that the offences to be addressed in the provisions on criminalization would determine the terminology for which definitions would be required in the general provisions.

This proposal is logical and pragmatic – yet it was not reflected in the revised draft circulated by the Secretariat last night.

This morning, several member states took the floor expressing clear support for CARICOM's proposal. In addition, it was noted by you, Madame Chair, that only one member state expressed any objection to the revision of the order of negotiations on the chapters and primarily in relation to moving the preamble to the third session. Yet, the version of the text before us now only takes into consideration the amendment to negotiations on the preamble and not the general provisions.

We are disappointed that the position of the 14 member states of CARICOM has been disregarded for a second time, especially noting the support received in the room today by several other member states.

At this point, Madame Chair, CARICOM is requesting a clear rationale for the exclusion of our proposal. We urge that due account be taken of the support shown for the proposal and look forward to it being reflected accordingly.

Thank you.