



Vienna, 20 December 2021

Dear Ms. Ambassador, *Chère Anie,*

Turkey attaches utmost importance to the international cooperation in the context of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes. We fully support international collaboration in combatting and preventing cybercrime. We expect that the first session of the Ad Hoc Committee, which will be held on 17-28 January 2022 in New York, will provide an important contribution and impetus to this cooperation.

I hope you will recognize the constructive contributions of my country for ensuring the success of the New York session.

On the other hand, in accordance with the operative paragraph 9 of the General Assembly resolution 75/282 entitled "Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes", I would like to register our objection to the participation of the "Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime" in the Ad Hoc Committee.

We consider that some of the actions of this organization are supportive of the "Fetullah Gülen Terrorist Organization (FETO)".

Turkey recognizes and values the contribution of non-governmental organizations (NGO) to this process. Our objection is limited to those conducting activities which are supportive of the above-mentioned terrorist organization and terrorism in general. Its presence in the meetings of the Committee cannot be considered as a contribution to the international cooperation on combatting and preventing cybercrime.

H.E. Ambassador Ms. Faouzia Boumaiza Mebarki
Permanent Representative of Algeria
to the International Organizations in Vienna
Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to
Elaborate a Comprehensive International
Convention on Countering the Use of
Information and Communications
Technologies for Criminal Purposes

Cc:
H.E. Ambassador Mr. Wolfgang Amadeus Brühlhart,
Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE,
the UN and other International Organizations in Vienna

I therefore kindly request, Your Excellency, to acknowledge the receipt of this letter. I also request that this letter be circulated to all the States that will participate in the New York session and attached to the report of the said session.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN and other International Organizations in Vienna.

Your Excellency, I take this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Ambassador

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of Turkey to the United Nations Office and
Other International Organizations in Vienna

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