

## INTERPOL STATEMENT (3 min)

Thank you Mr President, may I express my gratitude to Estonia for hosting this arria formula meeting and allowing INTERPOL to participate. I would also like to recognize the insightful considerations of all of the briefers today.

*(Mr Sven Jürgenson, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UN)*

With its origins dating back to 1914, INTERPOL, the International Criminal Police Organisation is a global and neutral Inter-governmental Organisation, working closely with its 194 member countries to “make the world a safer place”.

In a highly interconnected world, international police cooperation is fundamental. In support of INTERPOL’s mission of preventing and fighting transnational crime through enhanced cooperation and innovation on police and security matters, we focus on the cyberthreats through INTERPOL Global Cybercrime Programme.

Fighting the cyberthreat, which has no border by nature, is high on the agenda of many governments and is a key area for international cooperation.

The INTERPOL Global Cybercrime Programme is based in Singapore and I am grateful for the support afforded to us from the Singaporean government. The overarching goal of the programme is to reduce the global impact of cybercrime and protect communities for a safer world.

Under three main pillars; Cybercrime Threat Response, Cybercrime Operations and Cyber Strategy & Capabilities Development, INTERPOL responds effectively and proactively to our member countries' requests and needs in understanding cyberthreats so as to help mitigate, prevent, detect and investigate cybercrime on a national, regional and global scale.

As part of this effort, INTERPOL conducts regional and global cyberthreat assessments, regularly in close collaboration with our private partners in the framework of Project Gateway. This framework, which was adopted by INTERPOL General Assembly in 2019, enables us to have data and information sharing agreements with private sector entities. The ability and

capability to collect, analyse and disseminate such data and information from and with our private partners is crucial in effectively dealing with these ever-evolving crimes of the digital age.

Recently, INTERPOL have analyzed a marked increase in cyberthreats tailored around COVID-19. Based on the analysis, we provided our insights on the global landscape and the threat itself as well as recommendations as to how to prevent and mitigate these threats.

Taking a regional approach, our ASEAN Cybercrime Operations Desk, funded by JAPAN, has been coordinating operational activities and providing tailored support to the 10 member countries in the region based on their unique challenges. Going forward, we intend to expand this successful law enforcement model to other regions including: Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

In terms of capability and capacity building, INTERPOL supports its member countries in their cyber skills, knowledge and technical capabilities development in line with their needs. It delivers cyber capability and capacity-building

projects, as well as tools and platforms, to enhance member countries' ability to tackle cybercrime. We are currently collaborating with UNODC, International Telecommunications Union (ITU), Organisation of American States (OAS), Global Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE) and other NGOs and private partners in this regard.

To conclude, INTERPOL will continue to work closely with UN Member States, private entities and many other stakeholders to reduce the global impact of cybercrime and protect communities for a safer world Thank you Mr President.