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**“Enhancing Capabilities and Cooperation in Addressing Cybercrime”**

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**Prosecutor General**

**The General Prosecution Office to the Supreme Court**

**The Kingdom of Cambodia**

**Excellencies, Prosecutor General and Attorney General,**

**Distinguished delegates,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

First of all, on behalf of the Cambodian delegation and on my own behalf, I would like to express my sincere thanks to my old friend, H.E Mrs. DATIN SERI PADUKA HAJAH HAYATI BINTI POKSDSP HAJI MOHD SALLEH, the former Attorney General of Negara Brunei Darussalam, for inviting us and hosting this important event in this wonderful country of Brunei Darussalam and I would also like to express my sincere congratulations to the Honorable DATO PADUKA AWANG HAJI HAIROL ARNI BIN HAJI ABDUL MAJID for your new appointment as the Attorney General and Public Prosecutor of Brunei Darussalam. This is my great honor to share with you all our experiences and challenges in **“Enhancing Capabilities and Cooperation in Addressing Cybercrime”**.

As we all agreed that the development of technology has been helping all citizens, business people, government officials and agencies a lot but at the same time it has also given a lot of benefits to criminals by using that technology or internet without any border restrictions or jurisdiction. On the contrary, for us the jurisdiction is still an issue that we need to discuss and solve it. Regarding this issue we all here acknowledged in the previous conference that all types of transnational crimes affect our national and regional economic, social welfare and stability. All transnational criminals including cybercriminals often enjoy our bearer of legal jurisdiction and sovereignty from one-member state or country to another. Their successful escape from our jurisdiction is considered as our failure. So far, we have discussed and approved many international legal instruments such as the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crimes and other multilateral and bilateral treaties or agreements but we all still need strengthening better and stronger cooperation in the fight of all types of transnational crimes, especially Cybercrimes.

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It is obvious that as the outcome of ASEAN Member States for a decade, we adopted the ASEAN Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty on Criminal Matters in order to strengthen our cooperation among ASEAN Members in which we all here can address the issue. However, we here still need to train our law enforcement officers, especially our prosecutors in the fight against those cybercriminals. In this regard, it will be very beneficial for all of us in this event to have many different exchange-programs or trainings in the fight of this cybercrime and to have the establishment of information networks within our prosecutorial organs in order to track and share the collected data of the cybercrime threats. In this aspect, beside our Criminal Code, Cambodia is also drafting a special Law on Cybercrime in the ongoing efforts to fight against cybercriminals and cybersecurity threats.

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On the basic of the principle of equality of all states and the respect of national sovereignty, jurisdiction and respective laws, of course we all here need to enhance our strong cooperation by bringing the cybercriminals for justice. However, beside the official mechanism through the extradition request or the central authority of ASEAN Member States and China as I said in the previous conference we still can make an unofficial mechanism or direct contact between us through our focal points or an official in charge of international affairs in order to facilitate the process. This is however not contrary to the spirit or provision stated in the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crimes. This can help us in speeding the official means or collecting data and evidences before the court much faster and effectively.

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As mentioned above, to work closely together nationally and regionally, we should create a group of cybercrime experts or prosecutors or officials that can work together faster and effectively in the fight against cybercrime. Then, they should meet at least annually for better knowing each other and make an information exchange or experience sharing in order to fight the cybercriminals with efficiency and effectiveness.

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**Distinguished delegates,**

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Last but not least, I would like once again to deeply thank our host, the Attorney General, the organizing committee and all officials behind the scene for this excellent arrangement of the conference and I wish this conference success and fruitful.

Thank you all very much for your kind attention!

