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Prosecution Service of the Federative Republic of Brazil,
Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation,
Office of the Attorney General of the Republic of India,
Supreme People's Prosecution Office of the People's Republic of China,
National Prosecuting Authority of the Republic of South Africa,

Noting that we are living in the Information Age,

Acknowledging that Information and Communication Technologies allow not only to access, store and transmit data, but to manipulate it as well,

Considering the importance of creation of an open, safe, peaceful, stable, accessible and non-discriminatory environment for the use of information and communication technologies,

Noting the extensive use of information and communication technologies in the modern world that provides the broad spectrum of opportunities for criminals,

Concerned that terrorist acts which violate Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms are now committed through application of Information and Communication Technologies,

Recognizing that the absence of proper control by the authorized bodies over the use of information and communication technologies contributes to the increase of crime, including crimes of terrorism and extremism nature,

Bearing in mind the statement on intensification of the dialogue within the BRICS on the issues of combating terrorism, security in the sphere of the use of information and communication technologies, contained in the Brasilia Declaration, adopted upon the results of the XI BRICS Summit,

Recognizing that terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations, presents one of the most serious threats to international peace and security,

Noting the high importance of strengthening cooperation which promotes an increase in effectiveness of prevention and investigation of crimes, including the identification and return of criminal assets, in order to create and sustain a favourable environment for socio-economic development in the context of globalization,

Supporting the UN General Assembly Resolutions 73/187 of December 17, 2018 «Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes», 74/173 of December 18, 2019 «Promoting technical assistance and capacity-building to strengthen national measures and international cooperation to combat cybercrime, including information-sharing», 74/247 of December 27, 2019 «Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes», and also the Sustainable Development Goals, which are on the Agenda till 2030,

Welcoming the strengthening of international cooperation in the field of combating transnational crime, including for the purpose of recovery of criminal assets, transferred abroad, and prevention of legalization thereof,

Aware of the fact that the favorable economic environment can be achieved through countering crimes in economic sphere and protection of micro, small and medium-sized entrepreneurship (MSMEs),

Underlining significant vectors for promoting cooperation in the economic sphere, including on support of entrepreneurship, highlighted by the BRICS Heads of States in the Xiamen Declaration,

For the purpose of implementation of the Concept of Cooperation between the Prosecution Services of the BRICS States of 2015 and the Declaration of the 3rd Meeting of the BRICS Heads of Prosecution Services of 2017,

RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- strengthening cooperation in countering the misuse of information and communication technologies for criminal aims, including for dissemination of terrorism and extremism ideology, in the most effective manner, in accordance with state's respective national legislation and within state's area of jurisdiction, in compliance with the international commitments undertaken by the BRICS states;

- transparency and accountability, bearing key importance in implementation of the effective methods to combat violent and extremists' content on the Internet, while at the same time guaranteeing fundamental rights such as freedom of speech and right to due process;

- development and adopting within UN framework of a universal international legal instrument on illicit assets recovery;

- need to implement the United Nations General Assembly resolution 74/247 on elaboration of a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes, taking into full consideration existing international instruments and efforts at the national, regional and international levels in this field;

- protection of rights of entrepreneurs and creation of favorable economic environment for the citizens of the BRICS States, as well as the exchange of experience in this sphere, including within the expert meetings on the margins of economic forums, conducted in the Russian Federation;

- increase of efficiency of interaction and exchange of best practices in the fight against economic crimes, dissemination of terrorism and extremist ideology;

- building up cooperation on the issues of legal assistance in criminal matters, including on identifying and return of criminal assets, transferred abroad for the purposes of protection of property rights of citizens;

- exchange of information, texts of legislative and other regulatory legal acts, as well as methodology materials, academic literature and scientific publications on the issues of countering crimes in the sphere of economics, use of information and communication technologies for criminal ends, including for dissemination of terrorism and extremism ideology;

- countering spread of disinformation on the Internet, which causes harm to society and jeopardizes economy, through building of a professional dialogue between prosecution services and the judiciary;

- continuation of cooperation within the International Association of Prosecutors for the purpose of ensuring the rule of law, security and well-being of population of the BRICS States and of the whole world.

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