



Introductory Remarks by Peter Barcroft, Senior Director

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of Budapest Convention on Cybercrime**

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Good Morning and Good Afternoon to everyone

My name is Peter Barcroft and I am the Director of the International Peace and Security Program of Parliamentarians for Global Action.

We are very pleased to welcome you all.

Today's event is the second in a series of 4 Regional Parliamentary Webinars Promoting Universality and Implementation of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime that we are pleased to organize together with the Council of Europe

We have quite an ambitious program this morning so I will keep my opening remarks relatively brief.

I think it is accurate to say that, as a global community, we are confronted with a wide range of serious threats to international peace and security.

Some of those threats have been around for some time, while others have been dormant and are coming to light once again.

However, and in the past few decades we have seen entirely new threats emerge which require immediate and decisive response.

Cybercrimes pose grave threats to international peace and security.

They can disrupt vital food and energy critical supply chains and public utilities, including the proper functioning of life-saving healthcare facilities

Cybercriminals can even manipulate the creation of Weapons of Destruction themselves.

Everyone has a role to play in pushing back against this existential threat.

Governments, Organizations, the Private Sector – **and also Parliamentarians.**

Today we are going to learn a bit more about the different contributions that you, as Members of Parliament can take to tackle cybercriminal activity.

More concretely, promoting universality and implementation of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, adopted almost 20 years ago, as well as its Additional Protocols.

Working with your respective Governments and other engaged stakeholders in this arena, Members of Parliament can play a vital role in this arena.

To find out more details on this, I am, therefore, very pleased to introduce our first speaker today.

Mr. Anthony Teelucksingh is the Chair of the OAS/REMJA Working Group on Cybercrime.

Mr. Teelucksingh, I invite you to make your presentation.....