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WORKSHOP ON MEASURES TO COMBAT COMPUTER-RELATED CRIME

BANGKOK, 22 April (UN Information Service) -- A workshop on Measures to Combat Computer-Related Crime is being organized as part of the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Bangkok, Thailand, from 22 to 23 April 2005.

The Korean Institute of Criminology, based in Seoul, Republic of Korea, has assisted the United Nations *Office on Drugs and Crime* in the organization of the workshop.

The rapid advancement of information technologies has been accompanied by the abuse of those technologies for criminal purposes, offering new opportunities and new forms of exploitation. Computer-related crimes include a wide range of criminal activities, such as credit card fraud, identity theft, or hacking and distributing viruses. Moreover, technology has greatly facilitated criminal or terrorist activities. Instructions for making explosive devices can be downloaded from the Internet, and communication between members of criminal groups and terrorist cells takes place through the use of encrypted e-mails.

The workshop will highlight recent trends in computer-related crime and discuss the digital divide between developing and developed countries. International experts will also present case studies in combating computer-related crime.

The workshop will also discuss measures such as the creation of comprehensive and effective legal frameworks, international cooperation, technical assistance and law enforcement capacity-building, as well as the promotion of public-private partnerships.

The Korean Institute of Criminology is a government-funded organization that is officially affiliated to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme. The Institute's mission is to conduct scientific research on criminal justice issues to pursue social welfare in fighting against crimes. The Institute provides pertinent criminal justice policies and enhances international cooperation through the exchange of expertise and information.

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