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Draft resolution for consideration by the General Assembly

Note by the Chair

1. In preparation for the concluding session of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes, and in line with the road map and mode of work for the Ad Hoc Committee, approved at its first session ([A/AC.291/7](#), annex II), the Committee Chair has prepared, with the support of the Secretariat, a draft resolution to which the text of the draft convention would be annexed once approved by the Committee, for consideration and adoption by the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session, in 2024 (see annex).
2. The draft resolution for consideration by the General Assembly is presented as a technical draft, prepared on the basis of relevant similar resolutions, for the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Committee, without prejudice to the right of all delegations to submit further proposals, as they deem appropriate, at any time during the negotiation process.



Annex

Draft resolution for consideration by the General Assembly

The Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes approves the following draft resolution and recommends it for adoption by the General Assembly:

[xx/xxx]. [Name of the Convention]

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 74/247 of 27 December 2019, in which it established an open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental committee of experts, representative of all regions, to elaborate 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 on combating the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes, in particular the work and outcomes of the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime,

Recalling also its resolution 75/282 of 26 May 2021, in which it decided that the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes would carry out its work in New York and Vienna, commencing in January 2022, in order to provide a draft convention to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session,

Strongly convinced of the urgent need to strengthen international cooperation to prevent and combat cybercrime and crimes committed through the use of information and communications technologies, in view of their negative economic and social implications and their ability to undermine sustainable development and the rule of law,

Strongly convinced also that the [name of the Convention] will constitute an effective tool and the necessary legal framework for international cooperation in preventing and combating cybercrime and in ensuring the timely and lawful collection and sharing of evidence in electronic form of a broad range of crimes committed through the use of information and communications technologies, including money-laundering, corruption, acts of terrorism, trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts, components and ammunition, illicit drug trafficking, illicit trafficking in cultural property and crimes that affect the environment,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes on its concluding session, in which the Ad Hoc Committee submitted the final text of the draft [name of the Convention] to the General Assembly for its consideration and action, and commends the Ad Hoc Committee for its work;

[1bis. *Accepts with appreciation* the offer made by the Government of [country] to host a high-level political conference for the purpose of signing the Convention;]

2. *Adopts* the [name of the Convention] annexed to the present resolution, and opens it for signature [at the high-level political signing conference to be held in [city, country], from [date] to [date], and thereafter] [at United Nations Headquarters in New York until [date]];

3. *Urges* all States and competent regional economic integration organizations to sign and ratify the [name of the Convention] as soon as possible in order to ensure its rapid entry into force;

4. *Decides* that, until the Conference of the States Parties to be established pursuant to the [name of the Convention] decides otherwise, the account referred to in article 56 of the Convention will be operated by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and encourages Member States to begin making adequate voluntary contributions to the above-mentioned account for the provision to developing countries and countries with economies in transition of the technical assistance that they might require to prepare for ratification and implementation of the Convention;

5. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee will complete its tasks arising from the negotiation of the [name of the Convention] by holding a session well before the convening of the first session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention in order to prepare the draft text of the rules of procedure of the Conference and of other rules described in article 57 of the Convention, which will be submitted to the Conference at its first session for consideration;

6. *Requests* the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention to keep abreast of technological developments in the area of crimes committed through the use of information and communications technologies, to make recommendations regarding appropriate action in that regard, to promote regional and international meetings of national cybercrime focal points for the exchange of experiences, challenges and good practices, and to ensure synergies with relevant work carried out by other competent intergovernmental bodies;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to designate the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to serve as the secretariat for and under the direction of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, in accordance with article 58 of the Convention;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with the resources necessary to enable it [to organize the high-level political conference in an effective and appropriate manner,] to promote in an effective manner the rapid entry into force of the [name of the Convention] and to discharge the functions of secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, and to support the Ad Hoc Committee in its work pursuant to paragraph 5 above;

[8bis. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report on the political conference to be held in [country] for submission to the General Assembly at its [seventy-ninth] session;]

9. *Decides* that, in order to raise awareness of cybercrime and of the role of the [name of the Convention] in combating and preventing it, [date] should be designated International Anti-Cybercrime Day.