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Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes

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Revised draft resolution for consideration by the General Assembly

Note by the Chair

1. In preparation for the reconvened 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, in line with General Assembly decision 78/549 and 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 revised draft resolution to which the text of the draft convention would be annexed once approved by the Committee (see annex).
2. The revised draft resolution for consideration by the General Assembly was prepared on the basis of relevant similar resolutions and the discussions held during the concluding session, with a view to supporting the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Committee.



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]. **United Nations Convention against Cybercrime (Crimes Committed through the Use of an Information and Communications Technology System)**

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 crimes committed through the use of an information and communications technology system (hereinafter “cybercrime”), 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 United Nations Convention against Cybercrime (Crimes Committed through the Use of an Information and Communications Technology System) 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 that may be committed through the use of an information and communications technology system, including money-laundering, corruption, acts of terrorism, trafficking in persons, the smuggling of migrants, the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts, components and ammunition, illicit drug trafficking and illicit trafficking in cultural property,

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 reconvened concluding session, in which the Ad Hoc Committee submitted the final text of the draft United Nations Convention against Cybercrime (Crimes Committed through the Use of an Information and Communications Technology System) to the General Assembly for its consideration and action, and commends the Ad Hoc Committee for its work;

2. *Adopts* the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime (Crimes Committed through the Use of an Information and Communications Technology

System) annexed to the present resolution, and opens it for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York until [date];

3. *Urges* all States and competent regional economic integration organizations to sign and ratify the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime (Crimes Committed through the Use of an Information and Communications Technology System) 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 United Nations Convention against Cybercrime (Crimes Committed through the Use of an Information and Communications Technology System) 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 shall continue its work, *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions [74/247](#) and [75/282](#), with a view to elaborating a draft protocol supplementary to the Convention, addressing, *inter alia*, additional criminal offences as appropriate, and that, for that purpose, two sessions of a duration of 10 days each, with the first session taking place no later than one year after the adoption of the Convention by the General Assembly and the second session in the following calendar year, in Vienna and New York, respectively, shall be convened for the purpose of submitting its outcomes to the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention at its first session, for its consideration and further action, in accordance with the relevant articles of the Convention;

6. *Further decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee will complete its tasks arising from the negotiation of the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime (Crimes Committed through the Use of an Information and Communications Technology System) by holding a session of a duration of up to five days in Vienna 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 for consideration at its first session;

7. *Requests* the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention to keep abreast of technological developments in the area of cybercrime, 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;

8. *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;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with the resources necessary to enable it to promote in an effective manner the rapid entry into force of the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime (Crimes Committed through the Use of an Information and Communications Technology System) 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 paragraphs 5 and 6 above;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the activities undertaken to promote the rapid entry into force of the Convention for submission to the General Assembly at its eightieth session;

11. *Decides* that, in order to raise awareness of cybercrime and of the role of the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime (Crimes Committed through the Use of an Information and Communications Technology System) in combating and preventing it, [date] should be designated International Anti-Cybercrime Day.
