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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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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

Strengthening International Cooperation for Combating Certain Crimes Committed by Means of Information and Communications Technology Systems and for the Sharing of Evidence in Electronic Form of Serious Crimes

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, [*agreed ad referendum*]

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, [*agreed ad referendum*]



Strongly convinced of the urgent need to strengthen international cooperation to prevent and combat cybercrime, in view of its negative economic and social implications and its ability to undermine sustainable development and the rule of law,

Strongly convinced also that the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime: Strengthening International Cooperation for Combating Certain Crimes Committed by Means of Information and Communications Technology Systems and for the Sharing of Evidence in Electronic Form of Serious Crimes 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 information and communications technology systems, 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: Strengthening International Cooperation for Combating Certain Crimes Committed by Means of Information and Communications Technology Systems and for the Sharing of Evidence in Electronic Form of Serious Crimes to the General Assembly for its consideration and action, and commends the Ad Hoc Committee for its work; [*agreed ad referendum*]

2. *Adopts* the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime: Strengthening International Cooperation for Combating Certain Crimes Committed by Means of Information and Communications Technology Systems and for the Sharing of Evidence in Electronic Form of Serious Crimes annexed to the present resolution, and opens it for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 31 December 2026; [*agreed ad referendum*]

3. *Urges* all States and competent regional economic integration organizations to sign and ratify 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 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 shall continue its work, *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions [74/247](#) and [75/282](#), with a view to negotiating 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 two years 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 the outcomes to the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, for its consideration and further action, in accordance with articles 57, paragraph 5 (g), 61 and 62 of the Convention;

6. *Further decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee will complete its tasks arising from the negotiation of the Convention by holding a session, *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions [74/247](#) and [75/282](#), of a duration of up to five days in Vienna, one year after the adoption of the Convention, in order to prepare the draft text of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the States Parties

to the Convention 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. *Urges* Member States to provide voluntary contributions to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to ensure funding to enable the participation of representatives of developing countries, especially those that do not have resident representation in Vienna, in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, including by covering their travel costs and accommodation expenses;

8. *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;

9. *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;

10. *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 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 paragraphs 5 and 6 above;

11. *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; [*agreed ad referendum*]

12. *Decides* that, in order to raise awareness of cybercrime and of the role of the Convention in combating and preventing it, [*date of adoption of the Convention by the General Assembly*] should be designated International Anti-Cybercrime Day. [*agreed ad referendum*]