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Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes

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[without reference to a Main Committee (A/75/L.87/Rev.1 and A/75/L.87/Rev.1/Add.1)]

75/282. Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that information and communications technologies, while having enormous potential for the development of States, create new opportunities for perpetrators and may contribute to a rise in the levels and complexity of crime,

Recalling its resolution 74/247 of 27 December 2019, 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 should agree on an outline and modalities for its further activities, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session for its consideration and approval,

1. *Welcomes* the election of the officers of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes, at its organizational session, on 10 May 2021;¹

* Reissued for technical reasons on 21 June 2021.

¹ Ms. Faouzia Boumaiza Mebarki (Algeria) as Chair; Mr. Arsi Dwinugra Firdausy (Indonesia) as Rapporteur; and Mr. Emil Stojanovski (Australia), Mr. Wu Haiwen (China), Mr. Claudio Peguero Castillo (Dominican Republic), Mr. Mohamed Hamdy Elmolla (Egypt), Mr. Markko Künnapu (Estonia), Mr. Chitaru Shimizu (Japan), Ms. Sabra Amari Murillo Centeno (Nicaragua), Mr. Terlumun George-Maria Tyendezwa (Nigeria), Ms. Dominika Krois (Poland), Mr. Antonio de Almeida Ribeiro (Portugal), Mr. Dmitry Bukin (Russian Federation), Ms. Kitty Sweeb (Suriname) and Mr. James Walsh (United States of America) as Vice-Chairs.



2. *Decides* that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime shall continue to serve as the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee;
3. *Notes with appreciation* the organizational session of the Ad Hoc Committee, convened in New York from 10 to 12 May 2021;
4. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee shall convene at least six sessions, of 10 days each, to commence in January 2022, and conclude its work in order to provide a draft convention to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session;
5. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee shall hold the first, third and sixth negotiating sessions in New York and the second, fourth and fifth sessions in Vienna and shall be guided by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, while all decisions of the Committee on substantive matters without approval by consensus shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, before which the Chair, upon a decision of the Bureau, shall inform the Committee that every effort to reach agreement by consensus has been exhausted;
6. *Further decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee shall conduct the concluding session in New York for the purposes of adopting the draft convention;
7. *Decides* to invite to the substantive sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee, as appropriate, representatives of interested global and regional intergovernmental organizations, including representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds, as well as representatives of functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as observers;
8. *Reaffirms* that representatives of non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, may register with the secretariat in order to participate in the sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee;
9. *Requests* the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, in consultation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector, including those with expertise in the field of cybercrime, who may participate in the Ad Hoc Committee, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis² and to bring the list to the attention of the Ad Hoc Committee for a final decision by the Ad Hoc Committee on participation;
10. *Encourages* the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to host intersessional consultations to solicit inputs from a diverse range of stakeholders on the elaboration of the draft convention;
11. *Reaffirms* that the Ad Hoc Committee shall take 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;
12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to allocate the necessary resources in order to organize and support the work of the Ad Hoc Committee within the United Nations programme budget;

² The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the requester.

13. *Urges* Member States to provide voluntary extrabudgetary financial 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;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-sixth to seventy-eighth sessions the item entitled “Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes”.

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