

The SHERLOC Team is pleased to share with you Issue No. 20 of our newsletter regarding our recent efforts to facilitate the dissemination of information regarding the implementation of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, and the international legal framework against terrorism.



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In December 2017, UNODC's Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) launched the Global Initiative on Handling Electronic Evidence jointly with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) and the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP).

The current issue will thus provide further information on various aspects of the work of the Global Initiative and will present e-evidence tools, including SHERLOC's new Electronic Evidence Hub.

The SHERLOC Team

ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE TOOLS



UNODC supports Member States with improving their capacity to manage e-evidence with a series of technical tools, training, mentoring services, and networking of relevant authorities.

At the centre of this work is the [SHERLOC Electronic-Evidence Hub](#) (EEH), a brand-new one-stop window which encompasses jurisprudence and national laws relevant to electronic evidence, as well as all the practical resources developed by the Global Initiative, in cooperation with experts and practitioners and communication service providers.

The EEH includes model forms on preservation and disclosure of data; model requests for mutual legal assistance of stored electronic evidence and/or real-time collection of traffic data; and a [Data Disclosure Framework](#) that outlines practices developed by international service providers in responding to overseas requests for data.

The Hub also hosts the password-protected [Practical Guide for Requesting Electronic Evidence Across Borders](#), which was updated in 2021 with additional practical information and the expanded mapping of the contact details and legal requests policies of service providers.

The Practical Guide is a step-by-step handbook for criminal justice officials to effectively obtain and utilize vital electronic evidence. It provides practitioners with best practice from experts in the field, legal procedures from States, and contact points to assist practitioners on how to request and produce the electronic evidence needed for trial.

See [here](#) an address by UNODC's Executive Director Ms. Ghada Waly on digital being the new normal and UNODC's action to support criminal justice practitioners worldwide



THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE

UNODC and CTED consistently mainstream human rights law into all of the Global Initiatives' activities and tools, integrating relevant jurisprudence and documents from UN human rights mechanisms, and working alongside the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, while countering terrorism in the development of the Practical Guide and the Data Disclosure Framework.

The Global Initiative advocates for the lawful and human rights-compliant collection and gathering of electronic evidence, by drawing attention to relevant human rights obligations, such as those enshrined in the UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR):



PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

The Global Initiative fosters the development of public-private partnerships with Member States, international, regional and sub-regional organizations (such as Eurojust, Europol and the European Judicial Network) and communication service providers. Both the Practical Guide and the Data Disclosure Framework are the outcomes of multi-stakeholder processes, facilitated by the Global Initiative under the coordination of UNODC and CTED.

Over the past years, the Global Initiative has built stable and lasting cooperation with major international online communication service providers, a move that has significantly contributed to the implementation of Security Council mandates on new technologies, use of the Internet and terrorist recruitment via social media.

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Acting together to better handle cross-border electronic evidence

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IAP
International Association of Prosecutors

EUROJUST

EUROPOL

EUROPEAN JUDICIAL NETWORK
Connecting Justice

SIRIUS

EUROMED JUSTICE

EUROMED POLICE

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SHARING ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AND LAWS ON CRIME

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MODEL PROVISIONS ON ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE

Paragraph 13.b of Security Council resolution 2322 (2016) calls upon the enactment, review and update of mutual legal assistance laws, considering the substantial increase in the volume of request for digital data.

In 2021, in line with the above-mentioned resolution and pursuant to resolution 10/4 of the Conference of the Parties to the Organized Crime Convention (UNTOC), the Global Initiative engaged in updating the 2007 UNODC Model Law on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters with provisions on electronic evidence and special investigative techniques.

Throughout 2021, different rounds of consultations among national experts have taken place and it is expected that the final model provisions will be ready in 2022. For more information, please see [here](#).

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE ON HANDLING ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE:

1. Visit the [SHERLOC Electronic Evidence Hub](#)
2. Download the Model Forms on Preservation and Disclosure of Electronic Data
3. Register to access the [Practical Guide](#) for Requesting Electronic Evidence
4. Have a look at the [Data Disclosure Framework](#)
5. Subscribe to UNODC [Electronic Evidence Hub playlist](#) on YouTube
6. Join a growing [LinkedIn community](#) of electronic evidence professionals

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