

**SCO Member States statement on implementation of operational paragraph 3  
of the General Assembly resolution 74/247  
China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan,  
Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan**

The SCO countries recognize challenges emanating from the criminal use of ICTs, phenomenon which became disturbingly apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, and acknowledge the importance of international cooperation in this regard. The SCO countries stress the need to implement the United Nations General Assembly resolution 74/247 on elaboration of 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 in this field, in particular the work and outcomes of the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime.

The SCO countries are convinced that only holding substantive sessions of the ad hoc committee in New York, where all 193 UN Member States are represented, will secure truly democratic and inclusive process of elaboration of a universal convention on countering the criminal use of ICTs.

The SCO countries support the candidature of Algeria for the position of the Chair of the ad hoc committee.