

**Comments of the Russian Federation on the Implementation of Operational Paragraph 3 of the UN
General Assembly Resolution 74/247 "Countering the Use of Information and Communication
Technologies for Criminal Purposes"**

The Russian Federation is grateful to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for its video conference briefing held on 16 April 2020 and for the clarifications provided on the forthcoming organizational session of the UN open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental committee to elaborate a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communication technologies for criminal purposes (New York, 25-27 August 2020) and would like to submit its comments in this regard.

1. We believe that the purpose of the organizational session of the ad hoc committee is the development and adoption by the ad hoc committee of modalities for the work of this negotiating platform for the entire period of its operation.
2. We support the idea of the Office that in its work the ad hoc committee will be guided by the rules of procedure and established practice of the General Assembly and its Third Committee, unless the ad hoc committee decides otherwise.
3. We also believe that the Office will traditionally play the role of the Secretariat in preparing and conducting the sessions of the ad hoc committee.
4. We are convinced that each State has the sovereign right to nominate its candidature for the post of the Chair, a Vice-Chair or the Rapporteur and to stand for election by the ad hoc committee.
5. It is important that the work within the framework of the ad hoc committee be arranged in a complementary, non-confrontational, constructive and cooperative manner. It is necessary to work towards a non-politicized, transparent and pragmatic discussion in order to achieve the task set before the ad hoc committee envisaged by its mandate in accordance with the UN General Assembly resolution 74/247, namely the elaboration of the UN comprehensive convention on countering the use of information and communication technologies for criminal purposes. The convention should take into consideration the existing instruments and best practices in combating information crime, be based on strict respect for and protection of human rights, and become an accessible and reliable tool in countering information crime for all countries without exception.