

# **Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes**

## **Draft resolution**

### **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 for the ad hoc committee at its organizational session on May 10, 2021;
2. *Decides* that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime shall continue to serve as the secretariat of the ad hoc committee;
3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the organizational session of the ad hoc committee convened in New York, May 10-12;
4. *Decides* that the ad hoc committee shall convene at least six sessions, of ten days each, to commence in 2021, 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 will hold its six negotiating sessions in Vienna and shall be guided by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, while exhausting all efforts to adopt substantive decisions by consensus;
6. *Further decides* that the ad hoc committee will conduct the concluding session in New York for the purposes of adoption of the convention agreed ad referendum in Vienna.
7. *Further decides* to invite to the substantive sessions of the ad hoc committee, as appropriate, as observers, 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,
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, in consultation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to draw up a list of additional organizations with expertise in the field of cybercrime, who may attend sessions of the ad hoc committee as observers, and to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis<sup>1</sup>;

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 Convention;

11. *Further 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 program budget;

13. *Urges* Member States to provide voluntary extra-budgetary financial contributions to UNODC to fund the participation of representatives of developing countries, especially those who 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, seventh and eighth session an item entitled “Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes”.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester