

General Assembly decision 76/552 (*Advanced version*)

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

At its 55th plenary meeting, on 20 January 2022, the General Assembly, recalling its resolution 74/247 of 27 December 2019 and its resolution 75/282 of 26 May 2021, in which it had decided that the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes 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 Assembly at its seventy-eighth session, and 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 noting with concern the ongoing situation regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the current logistical limitations to safely holding in-person meetings at United Nations Headquarters in New York in January 2022, decided:

- (a) To postpone the first session of the Ad Hoc Committee, scheduled to be held in New York from 17 to 28 January 2022;
- (b) That the Ad Hoc Committee shall convene at least six sessions of 10 days each, held no less than 11 weeks apart;
- (c) That the Ad Hoc Committee shall hold a one-day meeting in New York as soon as possible, preferably before 28 February 2022, for the purpose of addressing organizational matters;
- (d) That the Ad Hoc Committee shall hold its first negotiating session in New York no later than 18 April 2022, health conditions and space permitting;
- (e) That, if health conditions and space did not permit a meeting in New York by April 2022, the Ad Hoc Committee shall hold its first negotiating session in May 2022 and the sequencing of the meetings shall then be as follows: the first, third and fourth sessions in Vienna and the second, fifth and sixth sessions in New York, with a concluding session taking place in New York.

The final text of this decision will be contained in document A/76/49 (Vol. III) in due course.