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

### **Organizational session**

New York, 10–12 May 2021

Item 4 of the provisional agenda\*

### **Outline and modalities for the further activities of the Ad Hoc Committee**

#### **Russian Federation: 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 the perpetrators of crime and may contribute to a rise in the levels and complexity of crime,

*Recalling* its resolution [73/187](#) of 17 December 2018 on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes,

*Guided* by its resolution [74/247](#) of 27 December 2019, in which the General Assembly decided to establish an open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental committee of experts, representative of all regions, to elaborate a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes,

1. *Welcomes* the holding of the organizational session of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes from 10 to 12 May 2021, as well as the outcomes of its work;

2. *Also welcomes* the decision of the Ad Hoc Committee to appoint [*Name (Country)*] as the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee;

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\* [A/AC.291/1](#).



3. *Further welcomes* the decision of the Ad Hoc Committee to appoint representatives of [*Countries*] as the Vice-Chairs and of [*Country*] as the Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Committee, acting in their national capacities;
4. *Decides* that with respect to 2021, 2022 and the first half of 2023, the Ad Hoc Committee shall meet for five substantive sessions in New York and Vienna on the basis of rotation for a duration of 10 days each with full conference services, and requests the Secretary-General to convene the sessions in the following manner:
  - (a) The first session from 30 August to 10 September 2021 in New York;
  - (b) The second session from 7 to 18 February 2022 in Vienna;
  - (c) The third session from 6 to 17 June 2022 in New York;
  - (d) The fourth session from 3 to 14 October 2022 in Vienna;
  - (e) The fifth session from 6 to 17 February 2023 in New York;
5. *Also decides* that in its work the Ad Hoc Committee shall be guided by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;
6. *Further decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee shall exhaust every effort in good faith to reach agreement on substantive matters by consensus;
7. *Admits* the possibility of holding, from within voluntary contributions, intersessional consultative meetings with the business sector, non-governmental organizations and academia to discuss issues that fall within the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee;
8. *Decides* to invite to the substantive sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee, as appropriate, as observers, representatives of interested global and regional intergovernmental organizations;
9. *Also decides* that attendance at the substantive sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee as observers will also be opened to relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, on the understanding that participation means attending formal meetings and addressing the meetings, through a limited number of their representatives, as appropriate;
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to allocate the resources necessary to organize and support the work of the Ad Hoc Committee within the United Nations programme budget;
11. *Invites* Member States to provide assistance to the United Nations in ensuring the active engagement of developing countries in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, including by covering travel costs and accommodation expenses;
12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-sixth session an item entitled "Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes".