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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

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Agenda item 4

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

Russian Federation: revised 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;
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 [date] to [date] 2021 in New York;
- (b) The second session from [date] to [date] 2022 in Vienna;
- (c) The third session from [date] to [date] 2022 in New York;
- (d) The fourth session from [date] to [date] 2022 in Vienna;
- (e) The fifth session from [date] to [date] 2023 in New York;

5. *Also decides* that, if necessary, at its fifth session, the Ad Hoc Committee may make a decision to hold a single additional substantive session in New York, for a duration of 10 days and with full conference services, before the end of 2023;

6. *Further decides* that in its work the Ad Hoc Committee shall be guided by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

7. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee shall exhaust every effort in good faith to reach agreement on substantive matters by consensus, while ensuring fair, effective and timely decision-making;

8. *Underlines* that, when agreed upon by consensus within the Ad Hoc Committee and on a case-by-case basis, it will be possible to hold, 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;

9. *Admits* that the Ad Hoc Committee, when agreed upon by consensus and on a case-by-case basis, could invite to the substantive sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee, as appropriate, as observers, representatives of interested global and regional intergovernmental organizations;

10. *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, that other relevant stakeholders not in consultative status with the Council may also apply to attend as observers and that such applications will be approved if there is no objection from Member States;

11. *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;

12. *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;

13. *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".