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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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Item 4 of the provisional agenda*

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

United States: draft resolution

Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes

The General Assembly,

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,

Noting that, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly shall apply to the procedure of any subsidiary organ unless the Assembly or the subsidiary organ decides otherwise,

1. *Welcomes* the election of the officers for the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes at the 1st meeting of its organizational session, held on 10 May 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. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee shall convene no more than six negotiating sessions in Vienna, to commence in 2021, and conclude its work in order to provide a draft resolution to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session;

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



4. *Encourages* the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to host intersessional consultations, including in New York, to solicit input from a diverse range of stakeholders on the elaboration of the convention;

5. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee will proceed in a deliberate and expedited manner, and on the basis of consensus, to elaborate a universally acceptable convention;

6. *Reaffirms* that representatives of entities and organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate as observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds and representatives of functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council are entitled to participate as observers in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to draw up a list of additional organizations with expertise in the field of cybercrime that may attend sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration;

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. *Also 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;

10. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare, in advance of the first substantive session of the Ad Hoc Committee, a background document that provides an overview of existing international legal instruments addressing cybercrime to serve as a reference for Member States;

11. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with a view to facilitating the participation of developing countries in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-eighth session an item entitled "Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes".
