

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

### **Additional guiding questions on international cooperation**

As announced by the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee at the first meeting of the third session, a new guiding question was introduced to complement the document entitled “Guiding questions on the chapters on international cooperation, technical assistance, preventive measures, the mechanism of implementation, the final provisions and the preamble of a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes” (A/AC.291/13). The question is as follows:

*1. Should the Convention’s articles on the transmission channels and 24/7 contact points contain a provision encouraging the Parties to consider establishing among them secure platforms and channels of communications that provide for authentication and certification of requests and evidence transmitted solely in digital form, and mutual recognition of digital signatures, seals or stamps affixed to such requests and evidence, where appropriate embedding those platforms and channels within 24/7 contact points?*

Furthermore, as requested by the delegation of India during their intervention at the fifth meeting of the third session, and agreed by the Chair, Member States are invited to consider the following question:

*2. Can non-content data/meta data be shared under the convention in a faster manner without mutual legal assistance treaties so as to help law enforcement agencies start the investigation and identify the accused? What kind of safeguards could we envisage for this kind of cooperation?*

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