



**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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INTRODUCTION

ITU as UN Specialized Agency on information and communications technologies (ICT) composed of 193 Member States together with over 900 companies, universities, research institutes and international and regional organizations has been implementing its mandates to connect the world for bridging digital divide and standardization gap in particular along with evolution of technologies – i.e., information and communications technologies - for over 157 years.

As intervened in the 2nd Session of Ad Hoc Committee, ITU has been closely collaborating with UNODC and relevant organizations to combat ICT-related crime and ensure cybersecurity based on treaty-level Resolution 130 on *'building confidence and security in the use of ICT'*¹ as well as other associated Resolutions (e.g., Res 50 on *Cybersecurity* and Res 96 ITU *Telecommunication Standardization Sector studies for combating counterfeit telecommunication/information and communication technology devices*) and mandates.

¹ [Collection of the Basic Texts of the International Telecommunication Union adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference \(edition 2019\) \(itu.int\)](https://www.itu.int/ITU-T/standardization/130/)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

As mandates of the ITU, ‘international collaboration and cooperation’ have been carried out and enhanced through various mechanisms such as ‘technical assistance’ including training and capacity building courses on ***Emerging Cybercrime Trends: Cybercrime Investigation & Mobile Forensics***² under **ITU Academy** among many others in close partnership with multi-stakeholders.

Considering the agenda of 3rd Session of Ad Hoc Committee, especially for the guiding questions (A/AC.291/13) and the structure of Convention (A/AC.291/L.4/Add.4) towards Chapter 1. International Cooperation and Chapter 2. Technical Assistance, as well as the Resolution 130 on ***‘building confidence and security in the use of ICT’***, therefore, ITU proposes in the International Convention that

The States Parties seek ways to

- *enhance **international cooperation** among multi-stakeholders from public and private sectors as well as academia with a view to exchanging best practices, enhancing security, and countering the use of ICT for criminal purposes in cyberspace,*
- *identify the **specific needs for countries** – developing countries *inter alia* - in countering the use of ICT for criminal purposes with regular updates, taking into account fast-evolving technologies,*
- *develop physical and virtual **educational and training programmes**, and organize joint workshops and joint coordination activities to enhance user awareness of risks in cyberspace and combat cybercrimes in close cooperation with multi-stakeholders, and*
- *develop and implement individual and institutional **capacity building** to ensure secured cyberspace and protect vulnerable groups such as children etc., taking into account a gender perspective.*

Further considering the mandates of ITU, especially developing international standards on ICT including security *inter alia* based on Resolution 50 on ***Cybersecurity***³ and Resolution 96 on ***ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector studies for combating counterfeit telecommunication/information and communication technology devices***⁴, the relevant international standards are ready to share for contributing to International Cooperation and Technical Assistance *inter alia* in the new International Convention.

² [Emerging Cybercrime Trends: Cybercrime Investigation & Mobile Forensics | ITU Academy](#)

³ [Resolution 50 - \(Rev. Geneva, 2022\) - Cybersecurity \(itu.int\)](#)

⁴ [Resolution 96 - \(Hammamet, 2016\) - ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector studies for combating counterfeit telecommunication/information and communication technology devices](#)