

Annex II

Modalities of the participation of multi-stakeholders in the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes*

1. The present text was prepared by the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes to outline the ways in which multi-stakeholders¹ may participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, in accordance with paragraphs 7 to 10 of General Assembly resolution [75/282](#), and was approved by Member States on 14 December 2021 by means of a silence procedure.
2. Representatives of multi-stakeholders may participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee as observers, without the right to vote. Such participation does not entail negotiation and drafting roles, which are exclusive prerogatives of Member States.
3. The participation of multi-stakeholders will consist of the following:
 - (a) Attending any open formal sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee;
 - (b) Depending on the time available, making oral statements, at the end of discussions by Member States, on each substantive agenda item. Given the limited time available at the meetings, multi-stakeholders may consider selecting from among themselves spokespersons, in a balanced and transparent way, taking into account the equitable geographical representation, gender parity and diversity of the participating multi-stakeholders;
 - (c) Submitting written materials. Such submissions should be limited to 2,000 words. The submissions will be posted, in their original language, on the website of the Ad Hoc Committee.
4. In the intersessional period, the Chair will organize consultations with the multi-stakeholders to take stock of their input. A report on these consultations will be published in English on the website of the Ad Hoc Committee. Translation of the report into other official languages of the United Nations will be subject to the availability of documentation entitlements allocated to the Committee.

* The “Modalities of the participation of multi-stakeholders in the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes” is contained in Annex II to document [A/AC.291/6](#).

¹ In line with General Assembly resolution [75/282](#), multi-stakeholders are defined as follows: interested global and regional intergovernmental organizations, including United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds, as well as functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council; non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council; and other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector.