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Regional Centre for Combatting Cybercrimes supports Member States in their Fight Against Organized Crime

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The "United Nations Regional Centre for Combatting Cybercrime" (UNRCCC) in Doha is a part of the Global Programme on Cybercrime of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and it plays a crucial role in supporting Member States in the global fight against cybercrime through capacity building, providing practical training courses, cybercrime prevention, combating cyber-dependent and cyber-enabled crimes, and tackling various forms of organized crime.

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Capacity Building

Capacity building is at the core of the UNRCCC's mission, especially in the criminal justice chain. The Centre helps Member States enhance the capacity of their law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges to combat cybercrime effectively.

This involves developing state-of-the-art courses including training on modern tools for investigations, such as Artificial Intelligence, OSINT (Open Source Intelligence), and SOCMINT (Social Media Intelligence). By fostering a collaborative environment, the UNRCCC ensures that best practices and innovative solutions are shared among nations, enhancing their collective resilience against cybercrime threats. This capacity-building effort includes enhancing the skills of law enforcement, judiciary, and other relevant stakeholders.

Practical Training Courses

Recently, the Regional Centre for Combatting Cybercrime and the Global Programme on Cybercrime of the UNODC announced their Training Catalogue which offers a range of practical training courses designed to equip professionals in the criminal justice chain with the necessary skills to tackle cybercrime effectively. These courses cover various aspects of cybercrime investigation, digital forensics, virtual assets, CSAM (Child Sexual Abuse Material), and cybercrime prevention. Training sessions often include hands-on exercises, simulations, and case studies to provide participants with real-world experience.

By doing so, the Centre ensures that officials from law enforcement, prosecution, and judiciary are well-prepared to handle the complexities of cybercrime cases. Moreover, these training programs are continuously updated to address emerging criminal threats and technological advancements.

Combating Organized Crime

The United Nations Regional Centre for Combatting Cybercrime provides tailored and customized training courses for the officials involved in combatting different forms of organized crime, such as trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, and drug trafficking.

The UNRCCC aids Member States officers in using modern tools for investigating organized crime and tracking wanted suspects. This involves identifying criminal networks used for illicit activities, tracing financial transactions through cryptocurrencies, and combating the distribution of illegal goods and services on the dark web.

Furthermore, the UNRCCC emphasizes the importance of international collaboration in combating organized cybercrime. The Centre facilitates joint training courses on intelligence and evidence sharing and cross-border cooperation among Member States, fostering a united front against transnational cybercrime groups.

Conclusion

The United Nations Regional Centre for Combatting Cybercrime contributes in weaponizing the officials of Member States to combat cybercrime. Through its comprehensive capacity-building initiatives, practical training courses, and efforts to address both cyber-dependent and cyber-enabled crimes, the UNRCCC significantly contributes to the security and protection of Member States.

Additionally, its focus on combating organized crime in the digital age highlights the Centre's pivotal role in augmenting international cooperation and ensuring a safer cyberspace for all. As cybercrime threats continue to evolve, the UNRCCC's efforts remain vital in empowering nations to effectively investigate and mitigate these challenges.