

Statement on International cooperation IEG Cybercrime 27 -29 July 2020

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Thank you for giving me the floor. First I would like to thank the secretariat for arranging this meeting during the corona crisis. I appreciate all the effort done to make this meeting as smooth and swift as possible. The covid 19 crisis has made us even more dependent on online communication and connectivity, and malicious actors are, as we all know, more than ready to exploit the situation to their own advantage. Nationally as well as internationally we need to ensure we have sufficient capacity and technical ability to deal with new and constantly evolving forms of cybercrime.

Norway joined the Budapest convention on cybercrime in 2006. The convention offers not only necessary rules of law, safeguards etc., which is essential to fight cybercrime internationally. It also offers practitioners a network to share experience and facilitate cooperation. We regard the Budapest convention as a very important instrument for international cooperation on cybercrime.

Norway also participates in the development of the 2 protocol to the Budapest convention. Since the development on the internet happens so fast, it has become important to expand the cooperation between countries who has joined the convention further, to also handle the exchange of electronic evidence in the cloud. This is the only international instrument which handles cybercrime and exchange of electronic evidence in investigations, and it is of vital importance to make the exchange of evidence between countries more efficient and less time-consuming, not only in emergency situations, but in ordinary investigations as well.

Norway strongly believe in cooperation and capacity building to fight cybercrime. Norway has therefore been a contributor to the UNODCs Programme against cybercrime since its early days. In 2018 we donated 4.4 million US dollars to the Program against Cybercrime in Africa and Asia and across the world. A natural follow –up and a step further in the fight against cybercrime should be to handle the development of a new international convention on this topic among the experts in the UNODC in Vienna. This is our recommandation.

Thank you.