In its resolution 65/230, the General Assembly requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to establish, in line with paragraph 42 of the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World, an open-ended intergovernmental expert group, to conduct a comprehensive study of the problem of cybercrime and responses to it by Member States, the international community and the private sector, including the exchange of information on national legislation, best practices, technical assistance and international cooperation, with a view to examining options to strengthen existing and to propose new national and international legal or other responses to cybercrime. Furthermore, in its resolution 67/189, the General Assembly noted with appreciation the work of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group to conduct a comprehensive study of the problem of cybercrime and encouraged it to enhance its efforts to complete its work and to present the outcome of the study to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in due course.

The comprehensive study of the problem of cybercrime and responses to it by Member States, the international community and the private sector, was prepared by UNODC under the auspices of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group.

At its second session held from 25 to 28 February 2013, the open-ended intergovernmental expert group took note of the study, discussed the way forward and recommended further consideration of the study at the twenty-second session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The study will be made available to the Commission at its twenty-second session.