

Resolution 20/7

Promotion of activities relating to combating cybercrime, including technical assistance and capacity-building

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 55/59 of 4 December 2000, 55/63 of 4 December 2000, 56/121 of 19 December 2001, 63/195 of 18 December 2008, 64/179 of 18 December 2009 and 65/232 of 21 December 2010,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/22 of 30 July 2009, as well as Council resolutions 2007/12 of 25 July 2007 and 2007/19 of 26 July 2007, on the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

Bearing in mind that the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World,⁸¹ adopted by the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, noted that the development of information and communications technologies and the increasing use of the Internet created new opportunities for offenders and facilitated the growth of crime,

Conscious of the challenges faced by States, in particular developing countries, in combating cybercrime, and emphasizing the need to reinforce technical assistance and capacity-building activities for the prevention, prosecution and punishment of the use of information technologies for criminal purposes,

Acknowledging the importance of stepping up international cooperation in order to facilitate the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of cybercrime, including through the provision of technical assistance for the adoption and improvement of national legislation,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 65/230 of 21 December 2010, on the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and noting that in the Salvador Declaration Member States recommended that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime should, upon request, in cooperation with Member States, relevant international organizations and the private sector, provide technical assistance and training to States to improve national legislation and build the capacity of national authorities, in order to deal with cybercrime, including the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of such crime in all its forms, and to enhance the security of computer networks,

Highlighting the utility of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime⁸² in strengthening international cooperation on the prevention, investigation and prosecution of cybercrime in cases where the offence is transnational in nature and involves an organized criminal group,

Recalling that the fight against the criminal misuse of information technologies requires the development of solutions that take into account both the

⁸¹ A/CONF.213/18, chap. I, resolution 1.

⁸² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.

protection of individual freedoms and privacy and the preservation of the capacity of Governments to fight such criminal misuse,

Recognizing the role of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the provision of technical assistance through its thematic and regional programmes, and recalling that, in the development and implementation of its technical assistance programmes, it should aim for sustainable and long-lasting results in the prevention, prosecution and punishment of crime, in particular by building, modernizing and strengthening criminal justice systems, as well as promoting the rule of law, and should design such programmes to achieve those aims for all components of the criminal justice system, in an integrated way and with a long-term perspective, thereby increasing the capacity of requesting States to prevent and suppress the various types of crime affecting societies, including organized crime and cybercrime,

1. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in cooperation with Member States, relevant international and regional organizations and, as appropriate, the private sector, to continue to provide, upon request, technical assistance and training to States, based on national needs, especially with regard to the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of cybercrime in all its forms, without prejudice to the work and outcomes of the meetings of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group on the comprehensive study of the problem of cybercrime and responses to it by Member States, the international community and the private sector;

2. *Takes note* of the outcome of the first session of the expert group on the comprehensive study of the problem of cybercrime;⁸³

3. *Invites* the expert group on the comprehensive study of the problem of cybercrime to finalize the report on the deliberations of its first session, requests the Secretariat to disseminate it to Member States in all official languages, and also requests the Secretariat to continue providing support for the meetings of the expert group;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to strengthen cooperation with Member States, relevant organizations, such as the International Criminal Police Organization, the European Police Office, the International Telecommunication Union, the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Commonwealth of Independent States, as well as with the private sector, including computer companies and Internet service providers, on combating cybercrime;

5. *Invites* Member States to continue exchanging views on ways and means for better targeting technical assistance, especially in the light of the challenges they may face for purposes of international cooperation, and invites the expert group on the comprehensive study of the problem of cybercrime to consider those exchanges in its work, as and when appropriate;

6. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources, where necessary and in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations, for the implementation of the relevant paragraphs of the present resolution;

⁸³ See E/CN.15/2011/19.

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and submit a report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twenty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.