

Strengthening international cooperation to combat cybercrime

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 65/230 of 21 December 2010, in which the Assembly endorsed the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World and requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to establish, in line with paragraph 42 of the Salvador Declaration, 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,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 67/189 of 20 December 2012, in which the 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,

Bearing in mind that in the Salvador Declaration, Member States 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,

Underlining the need for enhanced coordination and cooperation among States in combating cybercrime, and, in that context, stressing the role that can be played by the United Nations, in particular the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Recognizing with appreciation the work conducted in the area of combating cybercrime by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, under whose aegis the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime was established,

1. *Takes note* of the comprehensive study on cybercrime prepared by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime under the auspices of the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime and the discussion on its content at the Expert Group's second meeting of the group, held in Vienna from 25 to 28 February 2013, at which diverse views were expressed regarding the content, findings and options presented in the study;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the work done thus far by the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group;

3. *Invites* Member States to continue to consider the problem of cybercrime under the aegis of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, building, inter alia, on the work of the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime established by the Commission;¹

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to translate the comprehensive study on cybercrime into all six official languages of the United Nations and to disseminate it in due time to Member States, for their comments, in order to assist the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group in the performance of its mandate;

5. *Requests* the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group, with the assistance of the Secretariat, as appropriate, to continue its work towards fulfilling its mandate;²

6. *Invites* the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group to finalize summary reports of the deliberations of its first and second meetings and requests the Secretariat to disseminate those reports to Member States in all six official languages of the United Nations, for adoption by the Group;

7. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for the purposes of facilitating the work of the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations;

8. *Requests* the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on progress in its work.

¹ See UNODC/CCPCJ/EG.4/2011/3 and UNODC/CCPCJ/EG.4/2013/3.

² General Assembly resolution 65/230, annex, para. 42.