



Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes on its session on organizational matters held on 24 February 2022

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I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 74/247, the General Assembly decided to establish an open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental committee of experts, representative of all regions, to elaborate a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes, taking into full consideration existing international instruments and efforts at the national, regional and international levels on combating the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes, in particular the work and outcomes of the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime.
2. The Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes held an organizational session in May 2021, after which the General Assembly adopted resolution 75/282, in which it decided upon, inter alia, the decision-making methods of and participation of multi-stakeholders in the Committee, and decided that the Committee should convene at least six sessions, of 10 days each, and a concluding session, and provide a draft convention to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session.
3. Owing to the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the first negotiating session of the Ad Hoc Committee, originally scheduled for January 2022, was postponed by the General Assembly in its decision 76/552 of 20 January 2022. In the same decision, the Assembly decided that the Committee should hold a one-day session for the purpose of addressing organizational matters.

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II. Organization of the session

A. Opening of the session

4. The Ad Hoc Committee held its one-day session on organizational matters at United Nations Headquarters on 24 February 2022. The Committee held one meeting.

5. The session was opened by the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, Faouzia Boumaiza Mebarki (Algeria), who made a brief statement.

B. Attendance

6. The session was attended by representatives of 164 States Members of the United Nations, as well as representatives of the European Union in its capacity as an observer. A list of registered participants was made available on the web page of the Ad Hoc Committee.¹

C. Documentation

7. A list of documents before the Ad Hoc Committee at the session was made available on the web page of the Committee.

III. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

8. The Ad Hoc Committee adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in document [A/AC.291/5](#) as orally amended. The agenda was as follows:

1. Opening of the session:

Opening remarks by the Chair;

2. Organizational matters:

(a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;

(b) Election of Vice-Chairs;

(c) Final decision on the list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector.

3. Any other business.

4. Closure of the session.

B. Election of Vice-Chairs

9. The Ad Hoc Committee elected by acclamation Yamada Tetsuya (Japan) as Vice-Chair.

10. The Ad Hoc Committee elected by vote Eric do Val Lacerda Sogocio (Brazil) as Vice-Chair.

11. The officers of the Ad Hoc Committee at its session on organizational matters were as follows:

¹ Available at www.unodc.org/unodc/en/cybercrime/ad_hoc_committee/ahc-session-organizational-matters.html.

Chair:

Faouzia Boumaiza Mebarki (Algeria)

Vice-Chairs:

Mohamed Hamdy Elmolla (Egypt)

Terlumun George-Maria Tyendezwa (Nigeria)

Wu Haiwen (China)

Yamada Tetsuya (Japan)

Markko Künnapu (Estonia)

Dominika Krois (Poland)

Dmitry Bukin (Russian Federation)

Claudio Peguero Castillo (Dominican Republic)

Sabra Amari Murillo Centeno (Nicaragua)

Eric do Val Lacerda Sogocio (Brazil)

Emil Stojanovski (Australia)

Antonio de Almeida Ribeiro (Portugal)

James Walsh (United States of America)

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C. Final decision on the list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector

12. For the consideration of agenda item 2 (c), the Ad Hoc Committee had before it a draft decision submitted by the Chair on the participation of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector in the Ad Hoc Committee ([A/AC.291/L.5](#)), in line with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 75/282. The Committee also had before it an amendment to draft decision A/AC.291/L.5, contained in document [A/AC.291/L.6](#), submitted by Costa Rica.

13. The representative of Costa Rica made a statement and orally revised the draft amendment. Australia, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Iceland, Liberia, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States joined in sponsoring the amendment.

14. The Ad Hoc Committee adopted the amendment contained in document A/AC.291/L.6 as orally revised.

15. The Ad Hoc Committee adopted draft decision [A/AC.291/L.5](#) as amended. The decision and the annex thereto are contained in annex I to the present report.

16. The modalities of the participation of multi-stakeholders, approved by Member States by means of a silence procedure on 14 December 2021, are annexed to the present report (annex II)

17. Under agenda item 2 (c), statements were made by representatives of the following Member States: Costa Rica, Turkey, Bangladesh, France (on behalf of the European Union and its member States) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

18. The representative of Turkey requested that his country's opposition to the participation of a non-governmental organization be reflected in the present report,

and that reference be made to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations (Vienna) dated 20 December 2021, which had been circulated among Member States.²

IV. Any other business

19. Under agenda item 3, statements were made by representatives of the following Member States: United States, Russian Federation, United Kingdom and Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand).

V. Adoption of the report on the session on organizational matters

20. The Ad Hoc Committee was informed that the report on the session on organizational matters would be finalized at a later stage by the Rapporteur in collaboration with the Secretariat.

² The statement and letter were made available on the web page of the Ad Hoc Committee on its session on organizational matters. Available at www.unodc.org/unodc/en/cybercrime/ad_hoc_committee/ahc-session-organizational-matters.html.

Annex I

Decision I

Participation of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector in the Ad Hoc Committee

At its session on organizational matters, on 24 February 2022, the Ad Hoc Committee, recalling paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution [75/282](#) of 26 May 2021, decided to approve the participation of the other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector as listed in the annex to the present decision in the Ad Hoc Committee.

Annex

A1 Telekom Austria AG
 Academy of Management of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation
 Accountability Lab, Niger
 Aconite Internet Solutions Limited
 Action Citoyenne pour l'Information et l'Éducation au Développement Durable
 Action pour les Droits Humains au Niger/Human Rights Actions In Niger
 Adarga Ltd.
 Aliyu Chinedu Edith Justice Assist Foundation
 Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
 Amazon Web Services, Inc.
 Ambivium Institute on Security and Cooperation
 Andishe Varzane Fanavari Tanzimi
 Annpeters Global Humanitarian Foundation
 Anti-Phishing Working Group, Inc.
 Asia Cloud Computing Association
 Asimetra
 Asociación Civil Kapé
 Asociación de Marketing Directo e Interactivo de Argentina
 Asociación Mexicana de Psicología y Desarrollo Comunitario
 Asociația Eliberare
 Associação Data Privacy Brasil de Pesquisa
 Association Agir pour la Santé et l'Environnement
 Association Aide aux Femmes et Enfants
 Association for Solidarity through Humanitarian Imperative Action
 Association Locale pour le Développement Intégral
 Association pour la Promotion de la Bonne Gouvernance, de la Citoyenneté et des Droits de l'Homme
 Auditoria DC

Australian Strategic Policy Institute
A21 Campaign
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT
Beihang University
Beijing Normal University
BiZone LLC
Botswana International University of Science and Technology
Bournemouth University Higher Education Corporation
Brixwell Limited
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Caroline Wambui Gacheru Foundation
Center for Cooperation in Cyberspace
Center for Democracy and Technology
Centre d'Études Interdisciplinaires sur les Médias Haitiens
Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law
Centre for Muslim Youth in Peace and Development
Centro de Estudios en Derecho Informático de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de Chile
Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America
Children and Young People Living for Peace
Christ Apostolic Church Power-Age International
Community Development for Peace
Computer Forensics Lab Ltd.
Consejo Coordinador Empresarial, A.C.
Criminal Justice International Associates
CROSS Osservatorio sulla Criminalità Organizzata
Cross-Border Data Forum
Cyber Saathi Foundation
Cyber Security, Corporate Security and Crisis Management Initiative
Cyberlaw University
Cyberlaws.net
CyberPeace Institute
Cybersecurity Coalition
Cybersecurity Platform of the Government of Austria
Cybersecurity Tech Accord
Cyberspace International Law Center, Xiamen University School of Law
Cyberspace Research Lab of the University of Tehran
DB Connect
Defensoría del Pueblo de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires
Deloitte Risk Advisory BV

Deutscher EDV-Gerichtstag e.V.
Dharkemmy Corporate Communications Limited
Digital Party Committee
Doctor Web Ltd.
Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University
Eastern Heartland Foundation
Electronic Frontier Foundation
Emerging Leadership Initiatives
EMPOWER
Enteghal e Dadeh Haye Asia Tech
Equifax Inc. (Costa Rica)
Equifax, Inc. (United States)
Eticas Foundation
Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Políticas de la Universidad Católica de La Plata
Forum for Civic Initiatives
Forum Intégré pour l'Éducation et la Stabilité Économique
Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams, Inc.
Foundation for International Blockchain and Real Estate Expertise
Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
Front des Organisations Nationales contre la Corruption
Fundación Capa 8
Fundación para la Difusión del Conocimiento y el Desarrollo Sustentable Via Libre
FZI Forschungszentrum Informatik
Génération Maastricht
Ghonda ICT Consultants
GKW Computing Services Ltd.
Global Forum on Cyber Expertise
Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime
Global Partners Digital Limited
Goudji Charafa
“Goyarchin” Education Development Support
Greater Kochi Cultural Forum
Hamad Bin Khalifa University
Help Somalia Foundation
Hiperderecho
Humanity, Action, Knowledge, Integrity Africa
Humanity for the World
Hüquqi Təhlil və Araşdırmalar İctimai Birliyi
iEcoAfrica

IMR & Asociados SRL
Information Technology Association – Jordan
InFuture Foundation
Initiative Center to Support Social Action “Ednannia”
Initiative pour un Co-développement avec le Niger
Institut de Diplomatie Publique/Instituto de Diplomacia Pública
Institut für Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik an der Universität Hamburg
Institute for Security and Technology
Instituto Panameño de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías
International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime and Cybersecurity
International Cybercrime Research Center, Korean National Police University
International Cyber Security Protection Alliance
International Observatory of Computer Crime
International Peace Forum for Creativity
International Police Organization
International Police Science Association
Jamma Children Foundation
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Jokkolabs Banjul
Junction
Jordan Telecom Group
Judge Stein Schjolberg (retired)
Julbenesz Global Couture Ltd.
Kaspersky
Kenya ICT Action Network
Knowmad Institut – European Institute for Multidisciplinary Studies on Human Rights and Science
Korea Institute of Information Security and Cryptology
Korea University
Lab for AI and Law, Key lab of the Law School of the Beijing Institute of Technology
Libera: Associazioni, Nomi e Numeri contro le Mafie
Libera Università “Maria SS. Assunta”, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza Palermo
Libyan Transparency Association
L’Institut d’études politiques de Paris
Macjohnson and Partners
Magnet Forensics, Inc.
Mandiant, Inc.
Masarykova Univerzita
Mbale secondary school
Merchant Pagan

Meta Platforms, Inc.
Microsoft Corporation
Modern Web Ideas
Monument Policy Group LLC
Muhammad Akram and Sons Trading and Investment
n-gate Ltd.
National Association of Social Workers California Technology Council
National Cybersecurity Alliance
National Human Rights Organisation
National Law University, Delhi
National Resource Centre on Human Trafficking
NCC Group PLC
Network Exorcist, LLC
Nirvana Law Firm
Niwota News Agency Abuja
NW3C, Inc.
Observer Research Foundation America
Open Dreams Organization, Inc.
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Academy in Bishkek
Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe LLP
Pacific Links Foundation
Privanova SAS
Queen Mary University of London
Rapha House International
Rashtriya Raksha University
Red en Defensa de los Derechos Digitales
Refugee Law Project
Research ICT Africa
Restoring our Children's Hope
Royal Institute of International Affairs – Chatham House
Royal United Services Institute
rrbone GmbH
Saarbrücker Zentrum für Recht und Digitalisierung
SAEM Corporation
Safe Cyberspace Society
SaferNet Brasil
Service Xcellence
Shanghai Institutes for International Studies
South Asian Drugs and Addictions Research Council

Sri University
Stanford Global Digital Policy Incubator
Stiftung Neue Verantwortung e.V.
Stimson Center
Strathmore University
Sung Kyun Kwan University
Tanchangya Kalyan Sanghstha
Tarsus Üniversitesi
Temple University, Beasley School of Law, Institute for Law, Innovation and Technology
Third Way
Transformation Resource Centre
UG “Pomozimo Djeci”
UNCAC Coalition
United Nations Association of Chad
United Nation Diplomatic Committee International Organization
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Universidade Federal da Paraíba
Université de Dschang
Université de Lausanne
University College London
University College London, Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy
University for Peace
University of Adelaide
University of Botswana
University of Huddersfield
University of Leeds
University of Lodz
University of Maryland Global Campus
University of Pennsylvania
University of West Attica
Wagitel Communications Limited
World Business Organization Limited

Annex II

Modalities of the participation of multi-stakeholders in the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes

1. The present text was prepared by the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes to outline the ways in which multi-stakeholders¹ may participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, in accordance with paragraphs 7 to 10 of General Assembly resolution [75/282](#), and was approved by Member States on 14 December 2021 by means of a silence procedure.
2. Representatives of multi-stakeholders may participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee as observers, without the right to vote. Such participation does not entail negotiation and drafting roles, which are exclusive prerogatives of Member States.
3. The participation of multi-stakeholders will consist of the following:
 - (a) Attending any open formal sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee;
 - (b) Depending on the time available, making oral statements, at the end of discussions by Member States, on each substantive agenda item. Given the limited time available at the meetings, multi-stakeholders may consider selecting from among themselves spokespersons, in a balanced and transparent way, taking into account the equitable geographical representation, gender parity and diversity of the participating multi-stakeholders;
 - (c) Submitting written materials. Such submissions should be limited to 2,000 words. The submissions will be posted, in their original language, on the website of the Ad Hoc Committee.
4. In the intersessional period, the Chair will organize consultations with the multi-stakeholders to take stock of their input. A report on these consultations will be published in English on the website of the Ad Hoc Committee. Translation of the report into other official languages of the United Nations will be subject to the availability of documentation entitlements allocated to the Committee.

¹ In line with General Assembly resolution [75/282](#), multi-stakeholders are defined as follows: interested global and regional intergovernmental organizations, including United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds, as well as functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council; non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council; and other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector.