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# Abbreviations & Acronyms

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<b>ACHR</b>	American Convention on Human Rights
<b>APEC</b>	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
<b>ASEAN</b>	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
<b>ATM</b>	Automated Teller Machine
<b>CCIPS</b>	Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section
<b>CERT</b>	Computer Emergency Response Team (or "Computer Emergency Readiness Team")
<b>CFTT</b>	Computer Forensics Tool Testing
<b>CIS</b>	Commonwealth of Independent States
<b>COMESA</b>	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
<b>CoE</b>	Council of Europe
<b>CSIS</b>	Center for Strategic and International Studies
<b>DDoS</b>	Distributed Denial of Service
<b>EC3</b>	European Cybercrime Centre
<b>ECHR</b>	European Convention on Human Rights
<b>ECtHR</b>	European Court of Human Rights
<b>ECJ</b>	European Court of Justice
<b>ECOWAS</b>	Economic Community of West African States
<b>ECTF</b>	U.S. Secret Service's Electronic Crimes Task Force
<b>ENISA</b>	European Network and Information Security Agency
<b>EJN</b>	European Judicial Network
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>EUISS</b>	European Union Institute for Security Studies
<b>EUROJUST</b>	European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit
<b>EUROPOL</b>	European Police Office
<b>FBI</b>	Federal Bureau of Investigation
<b>FOI</b>	Freedom of Information
<b>G8</b>	Group of Eight
<b>GPEN</b>	Global Prosecutors E-crime Network
<b>GPS</b>	Global Positioning System
<b>GCSCC</b>	Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre
<b>HIPCAR</b>	Harmonization of ICT Policies, Legislation and Regulatory Procedures in the Caribbean
<b>HIPSSA</b>	Harmonization of ICT Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa
<b>IADB</b>	Inter-American Development Bank
<b>IAP</b>	International Association of Prosecutors
<b>IAPL</b>	International Association of Penal Law
<b>IBRD</b>	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
<b>IC3</b>	Internet Crime Complaint Center
<b>ICB4PAC</b>	Information and Communications Capacity Building for Pacific Island Countries
<b>ICCPR</b>	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
<b>ICT</b>	Information and Communication Technology
<b>IDCC</b>	INTERPOL Digital Crime Centre
<b>IGCI</b>	INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation
<b>IGO</b>	Intergovernmental Organization
<b>INTERPOL</b>	International Criminal Police Organization
<b>IOSCO</b>	International Organization of Securities Commissions

<b>IoT</b>	Internet of Things
<b>ISP</b>	Internet Service Provider
<b>IT</b>	Information Technology
<b>ITU</b>	International Telecommunication Union
<b>J-CAT</b>	Joint Cybercrime Action Taskforce
<b>JIT</b>	Joint Investigation Team
<b>JPIIT</b>	KSPO's Joint Personal Information Investigation Team
<b>KSPO</b>	Korean Supreme Prosecutor's Office
<b>MA</b>	Mutual Assistance
<b>MLA</b>	Mutual Legal Assistance
<b>MLAT</b>	Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty
<b>MSN</b>	Microsoft Service Network
<b>NCB</b>	National Central Bureau
<b>NCFTA</b>	National Cyber-Forensics & Training Alliance
<b>NCIJTF</b>	FBI's National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force
<b>NCRP</b>	National Central Reference Points
<b>NIST</b>	U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology
<b>OAS</b>	Organization of American States
<b>OCSI</b>	U.K. Office of Cyber Security and Information
<b>OECD</b>	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>OECS</b>	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
<b>OSCE</b>	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
<b>P2P</b>	Peer-to peer
<b>PPPs</b>	Public-Private Partnerships
<b>RTI</b>	Right to information
<b>RICO</b>	U.S. Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Practices Act
<b>SADC</b>	Southern African Development Community
<b>SCO</b>	Shanghai Cooperation Organization
<b>SDG</b>	Sustainable Development Goal
<b>SNS</b>	Social Networking Service
<b>SMS</b>	Short Message Service
<b>SWIFT</b>	Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication
<b>UDHR</b>	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNAFEI</b>	United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders
<b>UNCITRAL</b>	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
<b>UNCTAD</b>	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
<b>UNESCO</b>	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
<b>UNICRI</b>	United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
<b>UNODC</b>	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
<b>USB</b>	Universal Serial Bus
<b>VoIP</b>	Voice over Internet Protocol
<b>WDR</b>	The World Development Report: Digital Dividends (2016), The World Bank



# Introductory Part

This chapter sets the stage for the rest of the Toolkit. It provides an overall introduction to the Toolkit, highlights some of the main the issues around cybercrime and describes some of the main challenges to fighting cybercrime.

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# Purpose of Toolkit

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## Background

Hardly a day goes by without the press disclosing some major cyber-incident. The past year alone has witnessed a proliferation of cyber-threats, breaches of corporate and governmental networks, major thefts from banks, malware, ransomware, etc. Here are a few notable incidents:



McAfee reports 316 threats every second<sup>IN</sup>



Theft of US \$81 million from account of Bangladesh at New York Federal Reserve Bank resulting from alleged compromise of SWIFT network<sup>JI</sup>



500 million hacked Yahoo! accounts.<sup>NI</sup>

But cybercrime is not limited to major breaches. Individuals also suffer from threats, exploitation and harassment, or worse. The internet, which has enriched peoples' lives and made the world a "smaller" place, also enables a range of criminal activity.

One recent study<sup>UN</sup> finds that, while cyber threats mainly consisted of viruses, worms and Trojans, over time cybercriminals have begun to take advantage of techniques related to social engineering—such as phishing—that target employees having direct access to databases containing confidential business information, as well as pharming, credit card fraud, dedicated denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, identity theft and data theft. According to a Special Eurobarometer commissioned by the European Union (EU), the majority of internet users across the EU do not feel that making online purchases or doing online banking is secure, and have no idea how to navigate the internet safely<sup>IB</sup>. Many respondents claim to know about cybercrime from newspapers or television, but do not feel informed about the risks that may be experienced. Cybercriminals exploit this lack of awareness.

The same study found that more than a third of internet users claim to have received at least one

email scam and feel concerned about their sensitive data online.<sup>162</sup> Considering the increasing number of people in possession of at least one smart device, and their increasingly use as a business tools, it is easy to see that there is plenty of fertile ground in which cybercrime can operate and grow.

As cyberspace is rapidly evolving, the cyber threats of the recent past also have changed. They have not only multiplied with respect to the means through which they are perpetrated, but also have evolved into cybercrime, cyber terrorism, cyber espionage, cyber warfare and hacktivism.<sup>50</sup> The universe of cybercrime is huge and includes different types of attacks, attackers, risks and threats.

The challenge, therefore, is how to combat such criminal activity and yet preserve the many positive aspects of our connected world.

## The Toolkit

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This Toolkit, *Combating Cybercrime: Tools and Capacity Building for Emerging Economies*, aims at building capacity to combat cybercrime among policy-makers, legislators, public prosecutors and investigators, as well as civil society at large in developing countries by providing a synthesis of good practices in the policy, legal and criminal justice aspects of the enabling environment to combat cybercrime. Included in this Toolkit is an Assessment Tool that enables countries to assess their current capacity to combat cybercrime and identify capacity-building priorities (discussed in more detail in [Chapter VII](#), and included in [Appendix IX.E](#)). The Toolkit is also accompanied by a Virtual Library, with materials provided by participating organizations and others.<sup>5E</sup>

There are no shortages of resources regarding combatting cybercrime. An overriding ethos of the organizations (listed below) participating in the development of this Toolkit was to avoid repeating or replicating existing resources. However, it was felt that there was merit to producing a synthetic reference on combatting cybercrime, taking best practices and packaging them in a new, holistic fashion. In that sense, the Toolkit can be viewed as a kind of “portal”, overview or one-stop shop that directs users who want to learn more or to go deeper into a particular topic, as well as developing a framework to better understand how seemingly disparate issues interrelate and providing some direction on how to get to primary resources.

The Toolkit is arranged along the following lines. In the [Introductory Chapter](#), the Toolkit examines the current landscape of cybercrime, the challenges to combatting cybercrime and some of the challenges are to combatting cybercrime. In [Chapter II](#), the Toolkit then looks at some foundational issues including what is meant by and what constitutes cybercrime, and then looks at procedural, evidentiary, jurisdictional and institutional issues. The Toolkit goes on to consider formal and informal measures of international cooperation in [Chapter III](#). In [Chapter IV](#), the Toolkit explores at national legal frameworks. [Chapter V](#) examines in detail at due process, data protection and freedom of expression safeguards. [Chapter VI](#) looks at different aspects of Capacity Building.



[Chapter VII](#) explores various assessment tools, including the Assessment Tool developed under this project. Some concluding observations can be found in [Chapter VIII](#). The Toolkit also contains appendices regarding cybercrime cases, multilateral instruments, national legal frameworks and the various assessment tools.

## The Assessment Tool

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The Toolkit, a reference resource on its own, also provides a broad contextual background to the Assessment Tool. The Toolkit and Assessment Tool should be read together.

**The Assessment Tool follows the same general organization as the Toolkit and assesses capacity readiness using some 100 indicators and is organized along the following nine dimensions:**

- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Policy Framework         | 6 Jurisdiction              |
| 2 Legal Framework          | 7 Safeguards                |
| 3 Substantive Criminal Law | 8 International Cooperation |
| 4 Procedural Criminal Law  | 9 Capacity Building         |
| 5 e-Evidence               |                             |

## The Broader Context

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While this Toolkit and the Assessment Tool look at capacity building to combat cybercrime primarily from a legal perspective, it is recognized that combatting cybercrime is a part of a broader effort to ensure cybersecurity. Accordingly, this Toolkit puts cybercrime in a broader cybersecurity context. And while it is primarily legal, it also looks at the role of the private sector and technical community, including CIRTs and the like, in combatting cybercrime. But because the Toolkit mainly approaches combatting cybercrime from a legal perspective, every effort has been made to illustrate the various aspects of cybercrime through the use of court cases. Almost by definition, if a case ends up in the courts, it is because there is a disputed issue of law. These cases are referred to and highlighted as “Cases” in the text of the Toolkit. These cases are used throughout the Toolkit but are also aggregated in [Appendix IX.A](#). Of course, not all issues, even if they involve criminal activity, end up in the courts. Accordingly, not every aspect of combatting cybercrime is supported by a case. However, the Toolkit also uses case studies to illustrate some aspects of combatting cybercrime. These are referred to and included in “Boxes” throughout the Toolkit. In its synthetic approach, the Toolkit also attempts include different legal systems.

As discussed above, and explored in more depth in [sections II.A and II.B](#), this Toolkit has attempted to include not only more “traditional” cybercrimes, but also “new” kinds of crime committed on or using the internet. Importantly, and for the reasons described therein, the Toolkit adopts a definition of “cybercrime” (see [section II.A](#), below) for purposes of this Toolkit that attempts to be “future proof” (i.e., that is broad enough to encompass already well-known types of crimes, but also new and evolving areas, such as risk posed by cloud and quantum computing, blockchain technologies and digital currencies, the internet of things, etc.).

The Toolkit also places emphasis on the safeguards (considerations of “due process” and ensuring freedom of expression and privacy/data protection) accompanying cybersecurity achieved through investigating and prosecuting cybercrime. As a general proposition, the “balance” to be achieved between security and preservation of basic rights was recently given prominence of place in the World Bank’s World Development Report 2016, “Digital Dividends” (WDR).<sup>wo</sup>

At the same time, this Toolkit is about cybercrime, and not cyberterrorism or cyberwar. Admittedly, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to distinguish between acts that might first appear to be “mere” cybercrime perpetrated by civilian actors, but that may emerge with the passage of time and further investigation to be acts by states against states (or their proxies). That relationship and blurring of lines between cybercrime and cyberwar, for example, is beyond the scope of this work and will have to be the subject of another work.

It is axiomatic to say that cybercrime is continually evolving. Accordingly, the Toolkit captures information as of 30 June 2016 and will be periodically updated.

It should also go without saying that nothing in this Toolkit constitutes legal advice and no inference should be drawn as to the completeness, adequacy, accuracy or suitability of any of the analyses or recommendations in it to any particular circumstance. All information contained in the Toolkit may be updated, modified or amended at any time.

## Participating Organizations

- Association Internationale de Droit Pénal
- Council of Europe (CoE)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- Supreme Prosecutors’ Office of Republic of Korea (KSPO)
- Global Cyber Security Capacity Building Centre located at the Martin School at Oxford University (Oxford)
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

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## Introduction

Having set forth the purpose of this Toolkit in [section I.A](#), we now look at some of the particular features of cybercrime in its evolving context. This section begins by **(I)** talking about the place of cyberspace in today's world and the place of the law therein, going on to **(II)** drawing attention to the important role of private sector engagement.

## I. Situating Cyberspace

Law, as a reflection of public policy, is intended to provide a predictable, fair and transparent basis for ordering society, and for offering objective means for dispute resolution. With **(A)** with the extension of society to "cyberspace"<sup>SE</sup> ushering in a brave new world, it is fundamental that **(B)** public confidence in law and order also extends into cyberspace in order for cyberspace is to continue to be a place where economic, political and social discourse flourish. But because **(C)** cybercrime is not entirely virtual or physical, **(D)** innovative public policy and legal approaches addressing cybercrime—balancing security with human right—are imperative.

### A. A Brave New World<sup>FR</sup>

Cyberspace is a nebulous realm characterized by the use of electronics and electromagnetics to store, modify, and exchange data via networked systems and associated physical infrastructures. Not a "place" *per se*, it has been defined as "the online world of computer networks"<sup>ME</sup> but has more apt to its nature been likened to the "human psyche translated to the internet."<sup>CY</sup>

However it is understood, cyberspace has transformed the world. It has created a “virtual” space parallel to the “real,” physical world. And, although not actually real, that world is itself about to be revolutionized as virtual reality (VR) prepares to render further transformations, no doubt with great implications for the “real” world,<sup>MA</sup> and, indeed, for what “real” means.<sup>FO</sup> Information and communications technologies (ICTs) allow for information to be accessed, business conducted, professional and personal connections grown and maintained, and governments engaged and governance expanded. ICTs hold out huge growth potential in practically every walk of life.<sup>WO</sup>

With this greater openness, interconnection and dependency also comes greater risk: while ICT has created new and legitimate opportunities, spaces and markets, those very same opportunities, spaces and markets are rife for criminal exploitation. Individual cybercriminals and organized criminal groups are increasingly using digital technologies to facilitate their illegal activities, be the enabling of traditional crimes, such as theft and fraud, or the rendering of new crimes, such as attacks on computer hardware and software. Even in countries characterized by high rates of unemployment, wage inequality and poverty, cybercrime is accessible, easy and cheap. Essentially, anyone with access to the internet can become a cybercriminal. Moreover, with the emergence of hacking tools such as exploit-kits, neither computer expertise nor technological knowledge is longer necessary.<sup>LI</sup> People in developing countries, often unable to find legitimate work in their domestic market, see cyberspace, with more than 3.488 billion internet users worldwide,<sup>ST</sup> as a market ripe for exploitation.<sup>SE</sup> Governments are coming to recognize both the harm that has been caused, as well as the ever-growing gravity of the threat cybercrime, and are working on forming a collaborative response at both the domestic and international levels.

That collaborative, international response to cybercrime cannot come soon enough: Cybercrime is on the rise, and the opportunities and gains are increasingly alluring.



### In 2014, More Than 348 Million Identities Were Exposed

When identity thieves hacked several trusted institutions, and 594 million persons are affected by cybercrime globally.<sup>NO</sup>



### \$1 Trillion Lost in the United States

Estimates of losses from intellectual property and data theft go as high as US\$1 trillion in the United States.<sup>SE</sup>



### 170 Million Credit and Debit Card Numbers Stolen

In 2010, a hacker was sentenced to twenty years in prison for stealing more than 170 million credit and debit card numbers, making it the largest identity theft case that the U.S. Department of Justice has ever prosecuted.<sup>SE2</sup>

## Case 1.1: FBI Hacks “Playpen” Child Pornography Site on Tor Network (U.S.A)<sup>AP</sup>

In a massive sting operation, U.S. FBI agents infiltrated “Playpen”, one of the largest ever child pornography networks, by infecting websites with malware that bypassed user’s security systems.<sup>JO</sup> The FBI continued to operate the site for thirteen days after it had secured control of it, subsequently identifying hundreds of users.

Tor (The Onion Router) is a free software that allows anonymous internet communication, preventing localization of users or monitoring of browsing habits, by bouncing users’ internet traffic from one computer to another to make it largely untraceable.<sup>TO</sup> Operating through the special-use, top level domain suffix “.onion,”<sup>DU</sup> Tor addresses are not actual names in the domain name system (DNS)—the hierarchical, decentralized naming system for computers, services, or any resource connected to the internet or a private network. Initially developed with the U.S. Navy, today it is a nonprofit organization; rather, Tor network is a group of volunteer-operated servers.

Tor’s popularity recently increased with its launch of a hidden chat tool that not only hides message contents from everyone except participants, as well as hiding the location of those participants, but it also operates with platforms such as Facebook Chat, Google Talk, Twitter and Yahoo!, even in countries where those platforms are banned.<sup>CH</sup> Rather than rely on the “dark web,” a collection of hidden websites and services of which Tor forms a prominent part, the Tor Messenger operates by sending messages across a series of internet relays (or routers), known as “bridges,” thereby masking the messages origins.<sup>IB</sup> Because the services operate through a collection of relays that are not publically listed, blocking access to the Tor network would not affect the Tor Messenger.<sup>IB2</sup> Furthermore, just as with services such as WhatsApp (see Case 1.3: *In the matter of the Search of an Apple iPhone*, below), end-to-end message encryption may be offered. Although concern exists that the services might be used for more nefarious purposes, there is public interest in having such a tool—for instance, for whistleblowers and others needing anonymity. While banning Tor might well be both infeasible and unwise,<sup>PO</sup> this case indicates that Tor is not a perfect blanket of anonymity.

## B. Maintaining Public Confidence

One of the principle purposes of the law is to provide an objective, predictable, transparent and universally-applicable set of rules that governs conduct and maintains order.<sup>SE</sup> A key element to order is public confidence,<sup>FO</sup> which is bolstered through laws supported by principles of transparency, accountability and participation. It is well understood that “trust” in the use of the internet and ICTs will engender use, and that part of this building this “trust” environment in cyberspace involves striking a balance between security of networks, devices and data, and

ensuring that fundamental rights such as privacy (including data protection) and freedom of expression are observed.<sup>SU</sup> The evolution of cyberspace, and the ever-increasingly easy means of accessing it, have resulted in a new range of living and coexisting, which society—and the law—are grappling to understand.<sup>TH</sup> These new, exciting possibilities should not be either unnecessarily or disproportionately stifled in the name of security and combating criminality.

Nature abhorring a vacuum,<sup>VA</sup> and the path of least resistance being preferred,<sup>AN</sup> society at large—individuals, financial institutions, private industry, and governments—have increasingly exploited, and subsequently come to rely on technology in order to function: cyber networks have become essential to everyday operations, with power grids, air traffic control, urban utilities, and much more dependent upon cyber technology.<sup>FR</sup> Consequentially, the potential threat posed by cybercriminals has grown dramatically and afforded significant opportunities for terrorist groups and extremist organizations.

Public confidence in the secure functioning of ICT systems and of cyberspace has become necessary to maintaining social order.<sup>BR</sup> Several legal systems stress the need to protect the functioning of ICT systems through criminal laws.<sup>US</sup> The principal protected interests are the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information systems and electronic data.<sup>IB</sup> In pursuit of the urgency to criminalize certain behavior, the challenge in terms of law reform is to avoid overreaching in order not to violate fundamental rights.<sup>DA</sup>

## C. Cybercrime's Physical and Virtual Nature

While this Toolkit expands in more detail in subsequent chapters both the working definition of cybercrime (see [section II.A](#), below) as well as what sort of acts constitute cybercrime (see [section II.B](#), below), in many cases, cybercrime can be understood as digital versions of well-known, “traditional” offenses only with a virtual or cyberspatial dimension in addition or in lieu of.<sup>SU2</sup>

For instance, identity theft, which can happen in both the physical and electronic worlds, fits such an adaptive conception of cybercrime perfectly well. The factor differentiating identity theft in the physical and virtual worlds is the crime’s “how?” In both instances, the criminal intent (namely, to obtain a benefit) and the result (namely, fraudulently misrepresentation) are the same.<sup>DA</sup> The “how” differs in that, in the physical version, the impersonation is done with a physical item (e.g., a stolen identity card, mail, statement), while, in the virtual version, the crime is committed through presentation, usually to some remote, automated interface, of identifying information (e.g., a password). In the virtual setting, the cybercriminal may fraudulently induce someone to voluntarily reveal that information or use automated “keystroke logging” software to record an electronic copy of that information and relay it to the cybercriminal.

While the two paradigms are relatively comparable, transitional difficulties arise at the level of law enforcement.<sup>EM</sup> For instance, police, frequently accustomed to building a physical record—a physical “paper trail”—, often have difficulty transposing that record to the electronic world and investigating on purely electronic grounds.<sup>AU</sup>



Problems in conceptualization are often complicated or reinforced by laws that remain outpaced by technological developments.<sup>NA</sup> As a result, law enforcement often lags far behind the pioneers of organized crime.<sup>EM</sup> For example, in the United States, computer fraud (criminalized in 18 U.S.C. § 1030) is not yet classified as a predicate offense for racketeering under the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Practices (RICO) Act.<sup>US</sup> One of the most important tools to combat organized crime,<sup>FO</sup> RICO, which allows for leaders of crime syndicates to be targeted, came to prominence in the 1980s when its provisions began to be applied to combat the mafia.<sup>MA</sup>

Cyberspace has allowed criminals to more “efficiently” commit crimes.<sup>SU</sup> Electronic tools and equipment, many of which are freely available on the internet, can be ordered and distributed with just one mouse-click, yet frequently affecting millions. Examples of “computerized” or “electronic” versions of traditional crimes include ICT-mediated fraud, revelation of electronically-stored secrets, forging digitally-stored data, defamation, cyberstalking, copyright violation, or cyber-bullying.<sup>FU</sup> In such instances, the affected interests remain the same, with only the *modus operandi* differing from the traditional form.<sup>SU</sup>

Indeed, in many cases, cyberspace has made committing crimes so much simpler that the use of the electronic medium has eclipsed using traditional ones. For instance, today, pornography (including child pornography) is principally transmitted and distributed electronically. Indeed, such behavior has even led some legal systems to introduce special criminal prohibitions against cyber pornography, with nuanced aspects unique to cyberspace being addressed—for instance, “grooming” of children for potential sexual abuse through electronic communications has also been defined as a criminal offense in many jurisdictions.<sup>SU</sup> Where perpetrators use virtual social networks to initiate and establish physical contact in order to commit sexual offenses, they cross the line between the “traditional” crime type and the type of crime that depends on the existence of the internet.

### **Case 1.2: State of Tamil Nadu vs. Suhas Katti (India)<sup>IN</sup>**

Complainant, a divorced woman, was the subject of obscene, defamatory, and harassing messages that were both posted online and which were sent to her from an email account falsely opened in Complainant’s name. Defendant’s postings, which released her phone number without her consent, resulted in telephone calls to Complainant in the belief that she was soliciting sexual favors. Defendant, a purported family friend of Complainant, was apparently motivated by a desire to marry Complainant. When Complainant’s marriage ended in divorce, Defendant resumed contact with her and, on her refusal to marry him, began his cyber harassment.

The court, relying on testimony from witnesses at the cyber café where the behavior took place, on experts, and on cyber forensic evidence, convicted Defendant of “transmitting obscene material in electronic form” under Section 67 of Information Technology Act 2000

(§§ 469 & 509, Indian Penal Code). The Act has drawn subsequent controversy as a vaguely worded criminal statute, predicated on the meaning of “obscene” material as one that could be used to curtail any sexually explicit material. While cybercrime has a fairly low conviction rate, this case, the first of its kind, was prosecuted in just seven months.

The first case of successful cybercrime conviction in India, and with conviction in less than seven months, the case represents a significant landmark in the fight against cybercrime.

## D. Innovative Criminal Prohibitions

The relationship between virtual and physical worlds has meant that laws ordained for the physical world and to tangible property have sometimes been applied to cyberspace and to virtual property.

<sup>AL</sup> Applying physical-crime laws to cybercrime has been particularly prevalent with respect to theft and fraud, although doing so has met with varying degrees of success. On the one hand, in 2012, the Dutch Supreme Court confirmed a conviction for theft of electronic goods on the basis of existing, unadapted law.<sup>IN</sup> Similarly, in the United States illegally acquiring or using another’s “means of identification” with the intent to commit an unlawful act is a crime.<sup>TH</sup> Elsewhere, computer forgery, fraud by false representation, wrongful impersonation of another person, defamation and dissemination of information violating another’s personal privacy have all been accepted on the basis of physical-world crimes.<sup>JO</sup> On the other hand, however, other legal systems have not always considered hacking as theft, typically on the basis that hacking normally does not “permanently deprive” the victim of the goods, and so can be understood as a form of involuntary sharing, rather than theft.

Regardless of the answer to whether laws written for the physical world should be applied to the electronic world, legal systems have created corresponding categories and definitions of offenses<sup>AL</sup> aimed specifically at protecting the substantial, new interests and opportunities possible in the cyberworld.<sup>SO</sup> For example, a virtual version of harassment exists in many legal systems: cyberharassment has been defined as a person’s “use [of] a network or electronic communications service or other electronic means to annoy or cause damage to his correspondent, or to install any device intended to commit the offense and the attempt to commit it.”<sup>SU</sup> Similarly, because the internet allows for the immediate dissemination of sensitive information and images in the absence of consent,<sup>SU2</sup> cases of “revenge porn” (where material containing nudity or of sex activities is posted in revenge by erstwhile lovers in order to embarrass, punish or interfere with other relationships of the victim), are increasingly frequent and have received particular legal attention.<sup>DA</sup>

Moreover, although the electronic and physical worlds are distinct from each other, the two are very much interconnected. For instance, regarding property, “cyber goods” have value and their loss can cause just as much harm as the loss of tangible property.<sup>LE</sup> Moreover, stealing a person’s virtual identity can have very serious repercussions in the physical world, and such identity theft is

often a precursor to defrauding the victim in concrete, commercial transactions involving tangible goods.<sup>MA</sup> For example, a perpetrator may illegally acquire the victim's access data, gain access to his bank account or, more simply, order and acquire goods, leaving the bill to the victim.<sup>SU</sup> Still more troubling, the usurpation of a person's virtual identity can have serious and even irreparable consequences in both professional and personal circles; loss of reputation can be much more damaging than financial loss of online purchases.<sup>IA</sup> Given the potentially great value of both reputation and integrity of cyber personalities and avatars, the usurpation or falsification of a person's virtual identity has been criminalized,<sup>AF</sup> often regardless of whether there is intent to cause material harm.<sup>WA</sup>

## E. Technological Innovations

Recent technological developments have drawn increased attention on the importance of addressing how the physical and electronic worlds are to interrelate, and how to define the overall landscape of cyberspace. Although discussed in greater depth further on (see [sections I.C and II.A](#), below).

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**The most notable of these matters merit mentioning here: these advances include developments in FinTEch, horizontal data partitioning, blockchain, quantum computing and artificial intelligence.**

- Reliance on “FinTech,” or financial technology, will continue to grow as the technology-enabled financial solutions facilitated “smart” transactions and help removing transaction costs.<sup>FO</sup> However, as FinTech continues to permeate everyday activities, it necessarily results in the collecting and agglomerating of sensitive information, inevitably becoming a target for cybercriminals.<sup>MO</sup>
- Various techniques are being development to improve data and systems security. Key among them is the use of the horizontal data partitioning technique known as “sharding,” whereby electronic data is stored and spread across multiple databases. Doing so means that unauthorized users will only be able to access a small portion of the data, which may not even be readable on its own, or will have to infiltrate several or all of the systems. For instance, this technique might separate out credit card numbers from the corresponding verification numbers.  
<sup>FO</sup>
- Blockchain technology is anticipated to change how transactions are done. Blockchain is a distributed, open-source, peer-to-peer, public ledger that records ownership and value. It removes the need for a third-party verification organization, as transactions recorded on a public ledger and are verified through consensus. It is inexpensive, easy to use and secure; presently, it is the most secure transaction method available.<sup>JA</sup> Although the technology is perhaps best known for its use in digital currencies,<sup>SE</sup> its potential utility is endless. Beyond finance, blockchain has the potential to revolutionize all exchanges of information—smart contracts, patent registration, voting, distribution of social benefits, records, etc.<sup>HO</sup>

- More dramatic changes are promised by quantum computing. Quantum computing would, in essence, take the present, binary operating form to a multidimensional level (see [section I.C, box 1.2](#), below), thereby threatening to undermine existing encryption systems and their algorithms.<sup>MA</sup> Faced with this challenge, new cryptology schemes are looking to quantum mechanics that would use photons.<sup>IB</sup>
- Lastly, the role of artificial intelligence (AI) is a growing prospect. Modern technology such as machine learning and autonomous systems would allow computers to learn, reason and make decisions with minimal human involvement. For example, AI can detect a security breach immediately, whereas, in the past, it would take months. Correspondingly, AI might be used to commit cybercrime, therein presenting unique legal questions (see [section I.C](#), below).

## II. Private Sector Cooperation

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Governments have an obligation to assure public safety and security in the analog world.<sup>SU2</sup> The ease and speed of information-sharing between cybercriminals, and the disparateness of criminal activity, makes it difficult for law enforcement to keep up. However, much of the infrastructure undergirding cyberspace, and many of the means of communications operating in cyberspace, are controlled by nonstate actors. Such being the case, government efforts to combat cybercrime will have to rely on private sector involvement, notably through the use of public-private partnerships (PPPs).<sup>IB</sup>

In order to combat cybercrime, not only are tailor-made tools complementing traditional approaches are needed, but so is a unified approach for building collaborative partnerships between law enforcement and the private sector. Gathering and analyzing digital data are key to investigating and prosecuting cybercrime cases. At both the international and national level, entities such as INTERPOL and the Korea Supreme Prosecutors' Office (KSPO) are coordinating with the private sector in the area of digital forensics. These issues are explored in more depth (see [section II.G](#), below).

To a large extent, content carriers, notably internet service providers (ISPs), are not subject to prosecution, even though criminal content or criminal activity may be carried out using their services, and even though ISPs often have access to essential data regarding criminal content or activity. ISPs also store customer-use data. Moreover, most ISPs are usually private entities. In order to encourage investment in provision of internet services and access to the internet, most jurisdictions afford some limited liability for ISPs on the basis as being "mere conduits" or intermediaries. Once coupled with privacy guarantees,<sup>AS</sup> the basic and widespread position is that ISPs are unaware of the criminal activity in much the same way that a landlord or a telephone company might be unaware of the natures of activities occurring on the rented premises, or carried across their telephone lines. Those arguing for ISPs to assume greater liability from the start prefer to construe ISPs as newspaper publishers who should be responsible for the material on their servers. That said, liability often attaches once ISPs become aware of illicit activity and

fail to act accordingly. Similar liability attaches to other service providers, such as bulletin board operators and proprietary information providers. It has been argued that, while many have called for harmonization, “uniformity is both illusory and unnecessary.”<sup>XA</sup>

Cooperation with the private sector, including PPPs play a vital part in the fight against cybercrime, especially as the private sector, and not government, either owns or operates so much essential infrastructure and provides essential services. According to INTERPOL,

“The complex and ever-changing nature of the cyber threat landscape requires high-level technical expertise, and it is essential that law enforcement collaborates across sectors to effectively combat cybercrime and enhance digital security.”<sup>RO</sup>

In announcing support for PPP cybersecurity initiatives last year, the White House observed, “Current [PPPs] in this space have at best unclear or ill-defined roles and responsibilities for the industry and government partners.”<sup>ME</sup> The vastness of cybercrime is beyond the means of government: law enforcement is both unprepared and unable to fully scale-up to a fast growing threat landscape. The greater the communication and coordination between public and private sectors, the greater society’s resilience and ability to evolve to meet cybersecurity threats.

### **Case 1.3: In the matter of the Search of an Apple iPhone (U.S.A)<sup>IN</sup>**

Though not technically a “cybercrime” case, the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) went to court to compel Apple, Inc. to create a software tool that would help the FBI gain access to a locked iPhone that belonged to an alleged terrorist shooter in San Bernardino, California.<sup>SA</sup> The suit was eventually dropped after an unidentified third party successfully cracked the 5C iPhone running iOS 9 software, at a cost of US\$1.3 to the FBI.<sup>JU</sup>

This situation demonstrates the diversity of efforts required for combatting cybercrime, and is anecdotal of the technical limitations on a government’s ability to access data to investigate and prosecute acts of terrorism or cybercrime without the input of the private sector. The case raised the debate over whether private technology companies’ encryption technologies protect privacy or endanger the public by preventing law enforcement access to critical information. As cyberspace continues to evolve, innovated investigative tools will also correspondingly be required to enable effective law enforcement investigations. While this particular standoff has come to an end, the tension between a government’s desire to access technology and data necessary to enable effective investigation and the private sectors’ legitimate interest in provide secure technology and services to consumers as well as protecting proprietary investments has not. Moreover, while this suit was dropped, the U.S. Government has since initiated other proceedings to compel Apple to assist the FBI in

unlocking an iPhone 5s running iOS 7, though this time involving a “routine drug case.”<sup>KI</sup>

This incident also demonstrates that perfectly legitimate products—in this case, an iPhone—have become central to committing cybercrimes. Such technology, although only incidentally being used to support criminal activity, is being developed by a multitude of private actors. The government’s ability to cover the great diversity of fields and spaces is well beyond present budgetary constraints, thereby illustrating the necessity of public-private cooperation. The public-private problem is only likely to grow, as not only Apple<sup>NA</sup> but other technology firms, such as WhatsApp,<sup>CA</sup> extend security and protection with end-to-end encryption and other security measures.

Indeed, following the 2017 terrorist attack outside the U.K. Houses of Parliament in London, U.K. authorities recently advocated that similar access should be granted vis-à-vis instant-messaging services, most notably for WhatsApp.<sup>SE</sup> While the U.K. Home Secretary has sought to enlist the support of technology and social media at large,<sup>AM</sup> it seems unlikely that, even with private-sector cooperation, the problem would ever be solved, as the ease of encrypting communications means that a rival app or process is likely to appear almost immediately should present instant messaging systems create such the “back door” that government desires.

However, there is a lack of cooperation between governments and the private sector on matters of cybersecurity. U.S. President Barack Obama highlighted this concern with his Executive Order aiming at encouraging better information sharing between the public and private sectors on cyberattacks.<sup>EX</sup> President Obama said the following:

“The cyber threat is one of the most serious challenges to national and economic security that we face as a nation” and that “the economic prosperity of the United States in the twenty-first century will depend on cyber security.”<sup>BA</sup>

In Europe,<sup>ON</sup> only a handful of European countries have an established framework for public-private partnerships on cybersecurity.<sup>WA</sup>

The fundamental of a strong legal cybersecurity framework range from establishing strong legal foundations and a comprehensive and regularly updated cybersecurity strategy, to engendering trust, working in partnership and promoting cybersecurity education. These building blocks provide valuable guidance for governments that are ultimately responsible for implementing cybersecurity rules and policies.<sup>TH</sup>



## Conclusion

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Although all of the following matters are addressed in greater depth in the Toolkit, a few points bear mentioning given this section's discussion:

- **The cyberworld is a burgeoning space:** In 2016, over 3.488 billion people, roughly 40 percent of the world's population, used the internet.<sup>NU</sup> Over 60 percent of all internet users are in developing countries, with 45 percent of all internet users below the age of 25 years. By the year 2017, it is estimated that mobile broadband subscriptions will approach 70 percent of the world's total population. By the year 2020, the number of networked devices (the "internet of things") will outnumber people by six to one, transforming current conceptions of the internet; moreover, interconnectivity will not be limited to the networking devices but will also extend to humans, both at the individual and collective level (the "internet of everything").<sup>TI</sup> In the hyper-connected world of tomorrow, it will become hard to imagine a "computer crime," and perhaps any crime, that does not involve electronic evidence linked with internet protocol (IP) connectivity. It is well-known that growth in the internet in the coming years will be the developing world, because that is where the world's next billion people will access the internet for the first time.<sup>GE</sup> It follows from that that the developing world is also where the greatest need will be to put in place policy and legal approaches for dealing with cyber-security and cybercrime.
- **Defining cybercrime poses difficulties (see section II.A, below):** A limited number of acts against the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of computer data or systems represent the core of cybercrime. Beyond this, however, computer-related acts for personal or financial gain or harm, including forms of identity-related crime, and computer content-related acts (all of which fall within a wider meaning of the term "cybercrime") do not lend themselves easily to efforts to arrive at legal definitions of the aggregate term. Certain definitions are required for the core of cybercrime acts. However, a "definition" of cybercrime is not as relevant for other purposes, such as defining the scope of specialized investigative and international cooperation powers, which are better focused on electronic evidence for any crime, rather than a broad, artificial "cybercrime" construct.
- **Cybercrime is global and occurs across sectors:** Globally, cybercrime is broadly distributed across financial-driven acts, and computer-content related acts, and acts against the confidentiality, integrity, and accessibility of computer systems. Perceptions of relative risk and threat vary, however, between governments and private sector enterprises. Currently, crime statistics may not represent a sound basis for cross-national comparisons, although such statistics are often important for policy making at the national level.
- **International legal instruments have done much to spread increase knowledge sharing (see section III.A, below):** Legal measures play a key role in the prevention and combatting of cybercrime. These are required in all areas, including criminalization, procedural powers, jurisdiction, international cooperation, and internet service provider responsibility and liability. The last decade has seen significant developments in the promulgation of international and regional instruments aimed at countering cybercrime. These include binding and non-binding instruments. Five clusters can be identified, consisting of instruments developed in the context

of, or inspired by: (1) the Council of Europe or the European Union, (2) the Commonwealth of Independent States or the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, (3) intergovernmental African organizations, (4) the League of Arab States, and (5) the United Nations. A significant amount of cross-fertilization exists between all instruments, including, in particular, concepts and approaches developed in the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime.

- **There is a risk of partition between cooperating with shared cybercrime procedures and non-cooperating states (see section III.A, below):** Current international cooperation risks falling into two country clusters: those states that have implemented reciprocal powers and procedures to cooperate among themselves, and those that have failed to implement those measures, are restricted to “traditional” modes of international cooperation that take no account of the specificities of electronic evidence and the global nature of cybercrime. Such a concern is particularly true of investigative actions. The lack of a common approach, including within current multilateral cybercrime instruments, means that even simple requests for actions, such data preservation, may not be easily fulfilled.
- **Regulatory frameworks must maintain data integrity while protecting freedoms:** Regulatory frameworks, essential to the fight cybercrime, must be sufficiently bolstered to assure freedom of speech and access to information. Relatedly, while data protection laws generally require personal data to be deleted when no longer required, some states have made exceptions for purposes of criminal investigation, requiring ISPs to store specific types of data for a set period of time. Many developed countries also have rules requiring organizations to notify individuals and regulators of data breaches. Also, while it might be technically possible ISPs to filter content, any restrictions that they place on internet access are subject to both foreseeability and proportionality requirements under international human rights law protecting rights to seek, receive, and impart information.
- **The question of holding ISPs liable:** Following directly on from the previous matter is the question of the whether to hold ISPs liable for objectionable content is a vast one. In many legal systems, ISPs may be held liable for failing to control or constrain illegal content or activity crossing their systems. In other systems, however, that liability is limited on the basis that ISPs are “mere conduits” of data. That said, where liability is limited, it can often shift to a requirement to take action if an element of content-awareness becomes apparent—for instance, where the ISP modifies transmitted content or if actual or constructive knowledge of illegal activity or content is shown.
- **Public-private partnerships (PPPs) are central to cybercrime prevention:** PPPs are created as much by informal agreement and as by legal basis. Private sector entities tend to be most frequently involved in partnerships, followed by academic institutions, and then by international and regional organizations. PPPs are mostly used to facilitate knowledge sharing, though they have been used, especially by private sector entities, to prompt investigation and legal actions. Such actions complement those of law enforcement and can help mitigate damage to victims. Academic institutions play a variety of roles in preventing cybercrime, including training, developing law and policy development, and technical standards setting, as well as housing cybercrime experts, computer emergency response teams (CERTs), and specialized research centers.

# Challenges to Fighting Cybercrime

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## Introduction

Recent ICT developments have not only allowed for the emergence of new types of illegal activities, but have also resulted in novel techniques for evading law enforcement authorities, and, even after having been found out, for hindering investigation and prosecution. At the same time, ICT advancements have to some extent strengthened the abilities of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute cybercriminals.<sup>UN</sup> This section examines challenges in the fight against cybercrime.

This section begins by **(I)** talking of general challenges to cybercrime, goes on to **(II)** talk about specific challenges of developing legal frameworks, and then **(III)** highlights that there are other resources that might be brought to bear. The last half of the section discusses **(IV)** the various challenges of a lack of international harmonization and **(V)** the need for appropriate safeguards to be implemented by both national and international authorities.

## I. General Challenges

Challenges to investigating and prosecuting cybercrime arise out of its transnational, and thus multi-jurisdictional, nature, as well as to challenges in detecting these crimes, insufficient legal frameworks, and the ever-shifting technological landscape.

Technology moves on apace, and usually much more quickly than authorities or, even more so, legislatures. Bearing such technological evolution in mind, legislatures frequently attempt to account for technological progress that would render the wording of a criminal statute obsolete by, for instance, using relatively generic language and not specifying technology, or by adopting generalizations—for instance, “any electronic communication technology, regardless of its technological format or appearance.”<sup>FO</sup>

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**Challenges for law enforcement in the fight against cybercrime are manifold. The most common include the following:**

- 1 Growing access to high-speed Internet access
- 2 Growing availability of hardware and software tools (particularly encryption technologies)
- 3 Increasing ease of launching automated cyberattacks
- 4 Rapid development of novel cybercrime techniques
- 5 Rapid nature of cyberattacks
- 6 Fragility and temporal nature of electronic data
- 7 Lack of investigative capacity devoted to cyberspace
- 8 Increasing reliance on (initial) automated investigation processes due to increasing number of Internet users
- 9 Decentralized nature, architecture, and design of the Internet
- 10 Multi-jurisdictionality of the crimes
- 11 Anonymous nature of online communications

## II. Challenges to Developing Legal Frameworks

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Beyond the general challenges faced in combatting cybercrime, there are challenges in **(A)** adapting current legal frameworks and **(B)** developing new, cybercrime-specific aspects and legal frameworks, while **(C)** respecting constitutional limits.

### A. Adapting Current Legal Frameworks

Developing cybercrime countermeasures requires building a sufficiently robust and flexible legal framework through legislative and regulatory action. That framework needs to provide law enforcement agencies with both procedural means and actual resources to fight cybercrime.<sup>IB</sup> Adapting pre-existing legislation that has not been specifically intended to deal with cybercrime often may be an option, even if not ideal. For example, the United States has applied legislation countering money-laundering and identity theft to cyberspace analogues.<sup>FO</sup> Many other countries

have adapted existing legislation by introducing provisions that extend existing laws to include criminal activity conducted on the Internet or facilitated by the use of ICT.

### Case 1: United States v. Liberty Reserve<sup>US</sup>

Incorporated in 2006 in Costa Rica, Liberty Reserve was a centralized, digital currency service that operated its own currency exchange using a digital currency, commonly called the "LR." The exchange allowed the anonymous transfer of client funds between third party payment exchange merchants and bank accounts. Liberty Reserve allowed clients to create layered anonymity because of exceptionally lax identification requirements. Furthermore, they worked with unregulated money service businesses that operated using equally lax identification requirements. In doing so, Liberty Reserve charged fees for services rendered to clients, including currency exchanges and money transfers. Liberty Reserve became an ideal method for laundering and transferring monies internationally, with over US\$6 billion were allegedly laundered through its channels.

On 28 May 2013, prosecutors in the U.S. Southern District of New York brought charges against seven individuals under the Patriot Act for money laundering and running an unlicensed financial transaction company. The provisions used to target those at Liberty Reserve were not specifically targeting cybercrime. The investigation involved operations in at least seventeen countries.

## B. Developing Legal Frameworks

Despite a wide range of efforts to create a favorable legal environment to tackle cybercrime, challenges persist to assuring adequate legal frameworks.

**These challenges include, among others, difficulties in:**

- 1 Drafting new cybercrime legislation after the recognition of an abuse of new technology and identification of criminal law gaps
- 2 Developing procedures for digital evidence; (3) ensuring the criminalization of new and developing types of Internet crimes
- 3 Introducing new investigative instruments in response to offenders' growing use of ICTs to prepare and execute their offences
- 4 Balancing security and rights.<sup>WD</sup>

## Box 1: Computer-Facilitated Fraud Involving Illegally-Obtained Online Game Items<sup>DE</sup>

Through mobile phones with a built-in SIM card, and thus access to gamers' IDs, Defendants would use stored credit to repeatedly and fraudulently purchase game products from the acquired phones. Thereafter, the game items would be sold for money on an intermediary trading website.

The Supreme Court of Korea read "game items" into the Game Industry Promotion Act: the "tangible and intangible results obtained through the use of game products [are] forbidden to make a business of exchanging such items."<sup>RE</sup> The Court validated its position by looking to two different Enforcement Decrees for the Game Industry Promotion Act: first, the current Decree reads that "Game money or data, such as items, produced or acquired by using game products with personal information of another person;"<sup>RE2</sup> second, the former Decree read, "Game money or data, such as game items, produced or acquired by abnormal use of game products."<sup>IB</sup>

Thus, Korea has used both amendments and judicial interpretation to ensure that evolving forms of cybercrime remain criminalized.

While countries are finding various means to criminalize the growing diversity of cybercrime, doubt has been expressed over the deterrent effect of current regulations.<sup>RO</sup> Part of the concern is cybercrime's ubiquity and difficulties in identifying perpetrators and cross-jurisdictional prosecution.<sup>IB2</sup> Additionally, however, is the concern that penalties are not sufficiently severe to deter criminal behavior.<sup>IB3</sup> That said, anecdotal evidence suggests that this situation might be changing.

## Case 2: United States v. Albert Gonzalez<sup>US</sup>

On 25 March 2010, the TJX hacker, Albert Gonzalez, was sentenced to 20 years in prison, the longest U.S. prison term in history for hacking.<sup>KI</sup> Gonzalez engineered what was at the time the largest theft of credit and debit card information in U.S. history (some 80 gigabytes of data), which resulted in the theft of over 130 million card numbers and costing individuals, companies, and banks, and which amounted to nearly US\$200 million in losses.<sup>ED</sup> The hacks involved the first known intrusions involving decryption of PIN codes, a key protective feature in bank card security in the United States.

The sentence represents one of the toughest verdicts for both financial crimes and cybercrimes to date in the United States.<sup>DO</sup> Although sentences have been becoming increasingly robust, they have not played a significant role in reducing cybercrime due to difficulties in identifying, arresting, and prosecuting offenders. Also, restitution orders are rarely, if ever, fully paid back.<sup>SU</sup>



### III. Challenges of Additional Resources

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Before going defining the term of cybercrime,<sup>IN</sup> it bears noting that **(A)** there are additional, noncriminal legal tools in preventing crime, **(B)** consumer awareness plays a role in preventing crime, and **(C)** government efforts to combat cybercrime will have to involve public-private partnerships due to the important role of nonstate actors in the provision of infrastructure and cyber services. Another, separate challenge is faced in **(D)** developing sufficient capacity to detect cybercriminal activities.

#### A. Additional Legal Tools

It bears noting that criminalization is not necessarily the only option to combatting untoward cyber activity. Indeed, pursuant to the *ultima ratio* principle,<sup>TH</sup> criminal law should be used only as a last resort for dealing with a social ill. Both administrative and civil measures might be taken to combat errant cyber activity. Administrative measures that might be taken include ordering the removal of certain content, or the “closing down” of offensive websites (for instance, in combatting child pornography).<sup>KA</sup> Ordering an access provider to block access to the website might also be an option,<sup>AN</sup> although, as discussed further on, the Internet’s transnationality limits the efficacy of such options. Removal of content and closing of websites may also interfere with domestic or foreign criminal investigations (or national security investigations), or such measures may hinder efforts to rescue trafficking victims if carried out without coordination. Additionally, many legal systems allow individual victims redress for damages in civil courts. Due to the cost and complexity, as well as shifting the burden from the state to the victim, civil sanctions are largely unused, except in the case of copyright violations.<sup>MA</sup>

#### B. The Consumer’s Role

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##### **What roles and responsibilities do individuals have in combatting cybercrime?**

A growing body of literature recognizes the responsibilities of individuals to ensure they take proper precautions to secure their devices and data.<sup>WD</sup> As certain cybercrimes could be easily prevented through user caution and awareness, it has been argued that the user ought to be incentivized by the law to do so. By not using anti-virus software or strong passwords, the user not only becomes a vulnerable target but also allows criminals to coopt electronic devices in conducting malicious and criminal behavior, costs which are both considerable and which are passed on to society.<sup>EM</sup> However, while many countries encourage the use of appropriate protection, only a few go so far as to sanctioning failure to use protection.<sup>RU</sup>

Of greater concern than the role of the individual is the role of the private sector companies involved or operating critical infrastructure. Companies—frequently driven almost-exclusively by

profit in the age of privatization—have proven themselves slow to invest the necessary resources in many aspects but quite notably in the area of industrial controls and security.<sup>DA</sup> Indeed, Kaspersky Labs found critical infrastructure companies still running 30-year-old operating systems.<sup>IB</sup> In the United States, attempts to legislate requiring companies to maintain better security practices were stymied on the grounds that it would be too costly for businesses.<sup>MI</sup> Such infrastructural lacks have been aggravated by user apathy, with many companies operating industrial control systems not even changing the default passwords.<sup>SU</sup>

## C. Private Sector Cooperation

The ease and speed of information-sharing between cybercriminals, and the disparateness of criminal activity, makes it difficult for either law enforcement or targets to keep up. As discussed in the previous section in greater depth (see [section I.B.](#), above), cybercrime cannot be effectively combatted without cooperation between the public and private sectors.<sup>SU2</sup> As cyberspace continues to develop, different investigative tools will be required off of law enforcement, as dramatically shown in the FBI's inability to independently unlock iPhone.<sup>IN</sup> Only partnerships with the private sector will make such possible.

## D. Detecting Cybercrime

Being equipped with countermeasures is only half the battle; cyberattacks also need to be detected. However, detecting cybercrimes is difficult not only because, as is so often the case with fraudulent behavior, “the victim may have no idea that a crime has occurred,”<sup>CY</sup> but also because “the criminal may be hiding behind multiple layers of fake identities and may be operating out of nation-states with no vested interest in cooperating in a criminal investigation”.<sup>IB</sup> Moreover, as the World Development Report has noted, “acts that might previously have been considered civilian attacks are now being uncovered as acts of states against states via nonstate actor proxies.”<sup>SU</sup> Identifying cyber threats and their origins remains difficult.

Encryption is also a problem. On the one hand, data can be increasingly stored and sent in an encrypted form. Of particular note is end-to-end encryption (E2EE), which is becoming increasingly common, if not quite (yet) the norm.<sup>TH</sup> With traditional encryption methods, the facilitator—the company, transmitter or provider—itself held the cryptographic key, meaning, therefore, that any hacker who compromised the facilitator also had the cryptographic key, and, thus, could access user data. By contrast, E2EE operates by creating two complementary cryptographic keys and giving one to each of the two communicating parties, and to those communicating parties alone.<sup>GR</sup> The decryption key (a private key) never leaves the user's device, while the encryption key (a public key) can be shared with desired senders.<sup>IB</sup> With this protection in place, only the communicating users can read the messages, thereby preventing even successful eavesdroppers from understanding the contents of the message without themselves independently decrypting the data. As the

possible number of decryption combinations increases exponentially, the possibility of cracking an encrypted message—typically done through a cryptanalytic attack known as a brute-force attack or an exhaustive key search—has become challenging and often near-impossible, even with sophisticated software.<sup>IN</sup> E2EE plays potential havoc with investigations, as even third parties involved in transmitting messages—telecom companies, ISPs, the application administrators, and the sort—do not have anything more than the garbled, encrypted data and thus are no more privy to the nature of the information than eavesdroppers. Many companies boast using E2EE, with WhatsApp perhaps being the most visible of late.<sup>ME</sup>

On the other hand, encryption methods are rendering it increasingly difficult for those illegally intercepting data to decipher the data.<sup>FO</sup> For instance, the factorization of a 256-bit AES key<sup>25</sup>—which the U.S. National Security Agency requires for data classified up to Top Secret, and which is used by many other third-party providers, including WhatsApp—has 256-bit possible options: that is, any sequence of 256 bits is a potential key, and there is no internal structure to these 256 bits.<sup>WH</sup> Although E2E is still susceptible to so-called man-in-the-middle attacks (whereby the interceptor impersonates the recipient, attempting to encrypt the message with his public key instead of the one intended by the sender), E2E has substantially reduced the viability of illegally intercepting data.<sup>GR</sup> Deciphering by interlopers is made more difficult by features such as PFS—perfect forward secrecy, which create new encryption keys for each message sent.<sup>PF</sup> As a result, intercepting data being sent between devices is generally less valuable than being able to read the data on the device, either before encrypting and sending or after receiving and decrypting.

The flipside of these developments is that governments sometimes restrict the key size that apps may use. For instance, India restricts ISPs and TSPs to 40-bit key length (relatively low security).<sup>NA</sup>

## IV. Challenges to International Interoperability

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In a world of increasing transnational conduct, improving **(A)** international cooperation and addressing **(B)** jurisdictional and conflict of laws issues are paramount to facilitating international interoperability of frameworks developed to combat cybercrime.

### A. International Cooperation

Certain international legal instruments have been influential in harmonizing legislation.<sup>BR</sup> European instruments have been particularly impactful on national legislations, especially the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime (commonly known as the “Budapest Convention”)<sup>CO</sup>, which has had an impact on legislation even in those states that have not ratified it; the European Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA on attacks against information systems;<sup>CO1</sup> and European Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA on the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography.<sup>CO3</sup> The EU Data Retention Directive 2006/24/CE<sup>DI</sup> has also had a great impact;

however, on 8 April 2014, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) declared the Directive invalid in response to a case brought against Irish authorities.<sup>CA</sup>

In general, there has been a remarkable degree of convergence of various multilateral instruments on cybercrime in criminalizing acts against the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of computer data and systems. In addition to the aforementioned European measures, multilateral instruments connected with the African Union, the League of Arab States, the Economic Community of West African States, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, the Commonwealth, and the International Telecommunications Union all criminalize illegal access to: a computer system, illegal interception, illegal computer data and system interference, and the misuse of devices.<sup>RI</sup>

On the other hand, other offences, such as illegally remaining in a computer system to date, have received considerable less support. Remarkably, identity theft have not been universally condemned in multilateral instruments, nor have extortion; spam; harassment; stalking; or bullying.<sup>EM</sup> Other areas receiving little demand to be classified as crimes in international treaties include violation of data protection measures for personal information; breach of confidentiality; use of forged or fraudulently obtained data; illicit use of electronic payment tools; acts against privacy; disclosure of details of an investigation; and failure to permit assistance.<sup>IB</sup>

When it comes to computer-related acts, two categories—forgery and fraud—are widely criminalized, although neither the Commonwealth of Independent States nor the Commonwealth have criminalized such actions. Computer solicitation or grooming of children has been included only in the Council of Europe Convention on Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (the “Lanzarote Convention”),<sup>SI</sup> the first international treaty that addresses child sexual abuse that occurs within the home or family.

As to computer content-related acts, the most frequently criminalized are those involving child pornography and, to a lesser extent, dissemination of racist and xenophobic materials and related threats and insults.<sup>AD</sup> Genocide, terrorism, pornography (including facilitating access of a child to pornography), gambling, money laundering and illicit trafficking using electronic media technologies have been very rarely criminalized to date.<sup>IN</sup>

It is noted, however, that addressing a very specific form of crime via a treaty may not be advisable. First, of course, countries are free to criminalize whatever conduct they see fit, whether or not a treaty exists. Second, since treaties are relatively inflexible, countries may wish to wait to see if a crime trend persists and is serious or to discern how best to frame a criminal provision. Importantly, many of the crimes above may be addressed by a non-cybercrime treaty (genocide, terrorism, etc) or by a cybercrime treaty or domestic statute in a different guise. Acts against privacy may be covered by illegal access; extortion may be covered by an ordinary criminal statute; illicit use of electronic payment tools may be covered by misuse or possession of access devices; etc. Finally, crimes that are defined more generally will often be easier to prosecute and prove because they demand fewer specific elements.

International cooperation, essential for effective cybercrime prevention and prosecution, has been largely supported by the international community. One such example is Operation Blue Amber, which is a series of international actions tackling organized crime in various locations across the world.<sup>EU</sup>

Having said as much, several individual countries have already criminalized many of the aforementioned behaviors. On the other hand, ratification of treaties is frequently predicated on “Reservations,” whereby ratifying countries decline to accept one or more of the treaty’s clauses, or whereby the treaty’s implementation is subordinated to domestic law.<sup>ER</sup> Such reservations are most typically used to assert that the treaty is limited to the state’s constitutional interpretation, or for where the treaty will be made subject to domestic enabling legislation that places limits on treaty applicability and enforcement. While the number of ratifications may give the mistaken impression of widespread acceptance and enforcement, Reservations can effectively gut a treaty of its most important provisions. It is for this reason that the Budapest Convention strictly limits the reservations that may be taken.<sup>SU</sup>

### Box 3: Police Arrest 130 in Global Anti-Cyberfraud Operation

Police arrested 130 suspects in connection with cyberfraud, including fraudulent online purchases of airline tickets using stolen credit card data at 140 airports around the world in an international law enforcement operation. The operation was coordinated through Europol in The Hague, INTERPOL in Singapore, and Ameripol in Bogota, with support from Canadian and U.S. law enforcement authorities. Increased commitment from law enforcement agencies, private sector, and international organizations enabled the operation to be conducted at airports in 25 countries in Europe and 24 other countries in Asia, Australia, America, and Africa.

The operation against airline fraudsters is part of Operation Blue Amber, a series of international actions tackling organized crime in various locations across the world. Europol said it will continue to support EU Member States, working closely with the private sector and other international organizations, to improve security at the airports by fighting this type of online fraud.

## B. Jurisdictional Challenges

As already mentioned, jurisdictional and cooperation issues frequently hinder investigation and prosecution.<sup>SU</sup> Law enforcement agencies are usually jurisdictionally restricted and therefore rely on foreign agencies or international agreements to pursue multinational cybercriminals and prosecute them.<sup>FO</sup>

Procedures for international cooperation also create obstacles. Extradition, mutual assistance, mutual assistance for provisional measures, trans-border access to stored computer data, and communication networks for investigations are all problematic areas. Non-participation in cross-jurisdictional information sharing agreements has far reaching consequences. For example, not being party to such an agreement may limit the ability of authorities to retrieve information and metadata, such as on cyberattacks their nature, extent, and trend. Such difficulties are especially evident when the servers are physically located in foreign jurisdictions with either rigid or nonexistent laws.<sup>AN</sup>

#### Box 4: The SpyEye Case

SpyEye is a prolific type of Trojan malware that is estimated to have infected more than 1.4 million computers, resulting in losses of US\$5 million between 2009 and 2011. SpyEye was developed by Aleksandr Panin, a Russian programmer, and Hamza Bendelladj, an Algerian hacker.

U.S. authorities indicted Defendants on the grounds of the impact of SpyEye on U.S. interests and on the presence of a control hub in Georgia, and sought extradition for criminal proceedings. For a period of years, Defendants were tracked by a consortium of law enforcement agencies (U.K., U.S., Thai, Dutch, Dominican, Bulgarian, Australian), as aided by several private sector entities (Trend Micro, Dell Secureworks, Trusteer, Underworld.no), and supported by INTERPOL. Following Panin and Bendelladj arrests in the Dominican Republic and Thailand, respectively, Defendants were transported to the U.S. for trial, where they were sentenced to a combined 24 years and six months in prison.<sup>HT</sup>

The SpyEye case shows the multinational nature of cybercrime and the barriers hindering prosecution. Notably, the absence of a formal extradition agreement between Russia and the U.S., along with jurisdictional issues, caused substantial hindrance. On the other hand, the case also illustrates the potential that cooperation and partnerships can have.

## V. Safeguards

Building cyberspace requires attention to implementing the necessary safeguards. Fundamentally, **(A)** constitutional limits must be respected. With that in mind, safeguards can be developed to protect **(B)** both the environment of cyberspace itself by protecting against excessive data collection, as well as by protecting users and their data. Attention must be given to protecting the basic interests of users as members of society by assuring both **(C)** freedom of expression of Internet, and, its corollary, **(D)** freedom of information.

## A. Respecting Constitutional Limits

Although discussed in greater depth further on, specific mention needs to be made to preserving and respecting constitutional guarantees and limits in this context, namely the challenges of developing legal frameworks.<sup>IN</sup>

Any criminalization of communications in cyberspace is potentially in conflict with freedom of expression, a constitutional right in most countries, as well as being a limit on both the freedoms of the press and of artistic expression.<sup>FE</sup> Infringements of these basic rights are permissible only if they are proportionate to the danger that they seek to combat.<sup>US</sup> Some countries have constitutionalized the so-called “harm principle”,<sup>NI</sup> which more generally limits the scope of the criminal law to conduct that is harmful or imminently dangerous to an interest worthy of protection.<sup>TH</sup>

It should be born in mind that criminal law generally requires not only a guilty act (“*actus reus*”) but a concurrently guilty mental state (“*mens rea*”) for culpability to attach,<sup>TH2</sup> and this is the case in cybercrime prosecutions also.

## B. Balancing Data Collection with Data Protection

Data protection is about safeguarding the fundamental right to privacy, a right enshrined in numerous international and regional instruments. However, according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), only 107 countries had privacy laws or bills in place as of 2014.<sup>UN</sup> Other countries have privacy laws governing select areas—for example, children or financial records—but not a comprehensive law.<sup>FO</sup>

Data protection is commonly understood as securing any personal information that is automatically collected, processed, and stored. It is essential that data protection laws restrain and shape data collection, managing, and storage activities conducted by both companies and governments. Past behavior shows that, unless restrictive rules are in place, both public and private sector entities will collect, mine, and store as much information as possible without necessarily even informing the public of such activities.<sup>WH</sup>

For cyberspace to remain open and free, the same norms, principles, and values that are upheld offline, should also apply online. Fundamental rights, democracy, and the rule of law need to be protected in cyberspace. Our freedoms and prosperity increasingly depend on a robust and innovative Internet, which will continue to flourish if private sector innovation and civil society drive its growth. But freedom online requires safety and security too. Cyberspace should be protected from incidents, malicious activities, and misuse.

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### **Governments have several tasks**

- To safeguard access and openness
- To respect and protect fundamental rights online
- To maintain the reliability and interoperability of the Internet.

As discussed, because the private sector owns and operates significant parts of the infrastructure parts creating cyberspace, any initiative addressing data collection and protection should engage with the private sector.

## **C. Freedom of Expression**

Freedom of opinion and expression is a fundamental right, declared in a number of instruments, including in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948),<sup>UN2</sup> the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966),<sup>UN3</sup> and the American Convention on Human Rights (1969).<sup>OR</sup>

The Internet has been revolutionary in many ways, but especially in terms of communication and facilitating freedom of expression. The Internet has significantly expanded the meaning of that right, allows instant, inexpensive communication to almost everyone, dramatically impacting journalism, access to information, and knowledge sharing and ideation.<sup>UN4</sup>

The Internet's configuration and architecture have greatly impacted the flow of information, as well as what level of control can be exerted over it. First developed by the U.S. military—the Pentagon's Advanced Research Projects Agency Network (or "Arpanet") program—to create a command and communication contingency in the midst of war,<sup>BR</sup> the Internet was developed to be flexible, decentralized, open, and neutral. That architecture, which has fostered rapid growth and amazing creativity, should be preserved. As such, any regulations should be designed in dialogue with all stakeholders, and, fundamentally, should seek to maintain the basic characteristics of democratization, universality, and nondiscriminatory access.

Efforts should be made to assure that the special characteristics that have made the Internet a rich medium for growing democratic, open, plural, and expansive exercising of expression are protected. Such an understanding has been recognized at the international level: jointly, the United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Representative on Freedom of the Media, the Organization of American States (OAS) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information have recognized that "[a]pproaches to regulation developed for other means of communication—such as telephony or broadcasting—cannot simply be transferred to the Internet but, rather, need to be specifically designed for it."<sup>UN</sup>

The UN Human Rights Council in 2012 declared that freedom of expression on the Internet is a basic human right and affirmed that people have the same rights online that they have offline,<sup>RE</sup> and



reaffirmed its view in 2016 regarding the importance of promoting, protecting and enjoying human rights on the Internet, including privacy and freedom of expression.<sup>RE2</sup>

## D. Freedom of Information

Access to or freedom of information (FOI), or the right to information, is a corollary to freedom of expression that looks to inform the citizenry on government action. It is the right to access information held by public bodies, and includes the right to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas. The UN General Assembly, in its very first session in 1946, recognized it as essential to the underpinning of democracy, adopting a resolution stating that “Freedom of information is a fundamental human right[, ...] the touchstone of all the freedoms to which the United Nations is consecrated.”<sup>RE3</sup> Elaborating on this statement, the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression had the following to say:

Freedom will be bereft of all effectiveness if the people have no access to information. Access to information is basic to the democratic way of life. The tendency to withhold information from the people at large is therefore to be strongly checked.<sup>AB</sup>

Functional democracy relies on individuals being able to participate effectively in decision making, participation that depends on access to information held by various public bodies. Such information ranges from interpretations of applicable laws to details on economic, social, or public concerns. A central tenet to the rule of law<sup>AR</sup>—the notion that all, including government, are subject to the law<sup>AM</sup>—, access to information makes transparency, accountability, and participation—the so-called TAP principles—possible. In addition to being key tools for combatting corruption, the TAP principles increase government efficiency and responsiveness, and build civic trust.<sup>DE</sup> Accessing public information is not only a right of every person, but also necessary to making informed decisions and to living an autonomous life.<sup>AR2</sup>

Freedom of information legislation should reflect the fundamental premise that all information held by governments and governmental institutions is in principle public and may only be exceptionally withheld, such as for reasons of privacy or security. There is a global trend to recognize the right to information, and, since 1990, the number of countries with such legislation has grown from thirteen to ninety-five such laws adopted across the world.<sup>AC</sup>

## Conclusion

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This subchapter has given an overview of challenges facing law enforcement in combatting cybercrime. Those challenges come in all forms, ranging from the basic and general—yet perfidious—challenges associated with the nature of ICT and the development of cyberspace, to challenges in developing legal frameworks that both respect exist existing legal frameworks and yet which can accommodate the diverse novelties of cyberspace. Public safety and security in the analog world is, as the Word Development Report aptly notes, a public good which governments are obliged to ensure.<sup>5U</sup> However, it is a unique public good so much of the analog world—its data, communications, and critical infrastructure—is controlled by the private sector or other nonstate actors.<sup>1B</sup> Thus, beyond taking the traditional tacks of acting through policies, laws, and institutions, governments must also seek additional resources, including informing consumers and engaging the private sector.

Having appropriately organized themselves, governments then face the challenge of assuring international interoperability. Jurisdictional and international cooperation issues create substantial difficulties to investigating and prosecuting multinational cybercrime cases. Moreover, challenges of certain states operating under insufficiently cybercrime-specific legal frameworks often hinders combatting transnational acts.

# Framework for a Capacity-building Program

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## Introduction

Capacity-building programs require resources. Although many sectors are competing for scarce resources, there is increasing recognition that at least some of those resources are urgently needed to combat cybercrime. There are several reasons for building such capacity, and as many ways that capacity can be built. The Assessment Tool in particular (see [chapter VII](#), below), and the Toolkit at large, aim to provide evidence and direction for implementing targeted capacity building.

At a high level, some of the main reasons for allocating scarce resources to cybercrime capacity-building programs include the following:

- **Societies are increasingly reliant on ICTs.** As discussed (see [sections I.A & I.B](#), above), society writ large is increasingly reliant on ICT for all manner of activities, and ICTs are used in support of all manner of ventures, both public and private. Many have become dependent on the existence of ICT in their day-to-day lives. Every region of the world has experienced massive growth in internet usage<sup>WD</sup>, largely facilitated by the increased availability of broadband connections and the growing use of internet-enabled mobile phones and related applications.<sup>IN</sup> That growth has created spaces for all sorts of development—both economic and commercial, as well as individual and social. As such, ensuring the security of, and confidence and trust in, ICTs and ICT systems should be a priority of any government.
- **Digital evidence’s ubiquity in all crime-types.** Cybercrime is no longer a peripheral phenomenon. The more ICTs are used, the more criminals seek to exploit corresponding—and ever-developing—vulnerabilities. As the division between crimes occurring in the “cyber” world and those in the “real” one continues to blur<sup>CF</sup>, ICTs are increasingly holding evidence, direct or tangential, that is relevant not only to cybercrime but to any crime.<sup>CF2</sup> Thus, regardless of the matter, law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges are already frequently confronted with electronic evidence; such is the case not only in criminal matters but also in commercial, civil, labor and other matters. Capacity-building programs can help criminal justice authorities to meet these challenges, for example, through training and institution-building and by

mainstreaming the issues of cybercrime and electronic evidence into law enforcement and judicial training curricula.

- **Cybercrime capacity-building programs improve rule of law and civil and human rights safeguards.** Many governments are adopting cybersecurity strategies with the primary purpose of protecting critical information infrastructure. Capacity-building programs on cybercrime can support a crucial element of cybersecurity strategies, especially responding to attacks against the confidentiality and integrity of ICT systems and services. Such programs can also help governments meet their positive obligation to protect people from all types of crime, including murder, human trafficking, sexual violence and other types of violent crime, as well as fraud, corruption, drug trafficking, extortion, stalking or theft (see [section I.B](#), above). When governments take action against cybercrime they must respect rule of law and civil and human rights requirements. Investigative powers must be limited by conditions and safeguards.<sup>SE</sup> The preservation, analysis and presentation of electronic evidence must follow clear rules to serve as evidence in court. Strengthening the focus on the criminal justice response to cyberattacks may help improve both rule of law and civil and human rights safeguards<sup>CF</sup>, both at large and with regard to cyberspace. Correspondingly, capacity building programs should furthermore strengthen regulations and mechanisms for the protection of personal data, a dimension that is particularly important given that the most private data of individuals are nowadays stored in electronic form (see [section II.D](#), below). In short, such programs not only protect people against crime but also protect their rights.
- **Cybercrime capacity-building programs facilitate human development and improve governance.** ICTs can be “powerful tools for human development and poverty reduction”, something that cybercrime capacity-building programs might help societies realize.<sup>UN</sup> Relatedly, strengthening confidence, trust, security and reliability of ICT and of ICT systems will facilitate economic development and access to education and sharing of information.<sup>SU</sup> Effective criminal justice systems enhance the physical security and health of individuals, for example, by protecting children against sexual exploitation and abuse, by preventing the distribution of counterfeit and substandard medicines or by protecting people against crime in general. Increased adherence to rule of law contributes to democratic governance and reduces undue interference in individual rights.

## I. Objectives of Cybercrime Capacity-building Programs

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In promoting cybercrime capacity-building programs, it is important to begin by **(A)** understanding the rationale and objectives of such programs, and **(B)** using such programs as a “process of change” that may go well beyond cybercrime.

### A. Rationale and Objectives

Cybercrime capacity-building programs generally focus on strengthening the response of criminal justice actors to various forms of cybercrime. Once a crime has been committed, ICT-stored-evidence must be preserved and protected (see [section II.C](#), below). Cybercrime and electronic evidence are transversal and transnational challenges requiring cooperation at all

levels: interagency, public/private (in particular law enforcement/internet service provider) and international cooperation. Strengthening these various avenues of cooperation should be reflected in the objectives of any capacity-building program.

## B. Supporting a Process of Change

As with any other capacity-building program requiring technical cooperation, cybercrime capacity-building programs are implemented to support processes of change. To take effect, such processes, their objectives and expected outcomes, must be both defined and “owned” by the institution receiving support, creating an institution-wide “culture” that is exemplified by leadership from above and implemented at all levels.<sup>FO</sup> Without commitment from the top to a clearly defined process of change, it will be difficult for the larger institutional “cultural” issues to take root.

For example, while *ad hoc* training courses for judges and prosecutors might well be beneficial to the participants, without a sustained effort, it may have limited impact on the system with temporary results. By contrast, a more holistic, sustained and longer-term approach is preferable. For example, such a sustained effort methodically develops a capacity-building program that begins by training trainers, piloting courses, including standardized training materials and integrating *curricula* across institutions having shared or related competencies for cybercrime.

Additionally, once a defined strategy is in place, donors can better coordinate their inputs in a complementary and more effective manner.

## II. Elements of Capacity-building Programs

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As described in sections I B and I C, above, cybercrime is a large and broad topic. Accordingly, capacity-building programs targeting cybercrime should be likewise encompassing. Areas of focus might include **(A)** elaborating cybercrime policies and strategies, **(B)** elaborating effective, cybercrime-specific legislation, **(C)** creating cybercrime specialized law enforcement units, **(D)** training government authorities and personnel in cybercrime matters, **(E)** encouraging cooperation between the public and private sectors and **(F)** furthering international cooperation.

### A. Producing an Overarching Cybercrime Policy and Strategy

The basis for any good approach to cybercrime is the development of effective policies based on stakeholder consultations, and which, include comprehensive strategies and actions plans.

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**Such policies, strategies and action plans might include the following elements:**

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- 1 **Engaged decision-makers.** It is essential that decision-makers in government and affected organizations understand both the varied risks and the corresponding options, and that they manage to agree on setting strategic priorities.

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  - 2 **Synergistic cybersecurity strategies.** Cybercrime and cybersecurity strategies are interrelated and mutually reinforcing. As such, synergies and links must be explicitly identified, ensuring coherence.

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  - 3 **Multi-stakeholder participation in strategy elaboration.** As cybercrime and cybersecurity implicate the entirety of society, part of the challenge in developing effective policies and strategies is ensuring the active participation of diverse stakeholders from both the public and private sectors.

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  - 4 **Approaches support human rights and rule of law requirements.** A criminal justice response to cybercrime implies a rule of law rationale; as such, rule of law requirements need to be respected and promoted as do general respect and promotion of human rights. As discussed (see chapter V, below), an appropriate balance between combatting crime and ensuring human-rights safeguards is central to the success of any strategy.

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  - 5 **Cybercrime strategies require vertical and horizontal management.** Once a cybercrime policy has been developed, the implementation of the ensuing cybercrime strategy begins. That implementation process is a complex one, involving many stakeholders and actors. Effective operationalization requires good management, both vertically and horizontally, clear information sharing and extensive coordination. The progress, results and impact must all be assessed in order to for any corrective measures to take effect, as well as to justify the allocation of resources.

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  - 6 **Concerted alignment of donor contributions and partner cooperation.** The development of a clear cybercrime policy, and subsequent implementation of the resulting cybercrime strategy, create a clear path for donors and other partners to provide support. Doing so will increasingly crystalize and clarify the anticipated change process that is desired. Moreover, encouraging such cooperation can lead to faster learning of lessons.

Many donors require that a policy be in place before approving technical assistance and undertaking capacity-building programs. That said, a program might be structured such that the development of a strategy on cybercrime is a central objective. For instance, the Council of Europe considers an official request for accession to the Budapest Convention to represent the government's commitment that in turn justifies capacity-building activities that would support the treaty's full implementation.<sup>FO</sup>

## B. Developing Cybercrime-specific Legislation

While cybercrime policies create the overall story, a central element to fighting any criminal activity must be based in the law. As such, criminal justice measures targeting cybercrime and electronic evidence must be enshrined in the law. Also, while the responsibility for creating such legislation lies with public representatives and authorities, they should be supported by other stakeholders, public and private, in the appropriate tailoring, targeting and wording of any such legislation. Such legislation is a central part to furthering interoperability (see [chapter III](#), below).

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**Domestic cybercrime legislation would address the following areas:<sup>IN</sup>**

- 1 Substantive law measures.** The central plank and basis of the law is the development of, on the one hand, what substantive legal rights and responsibilities surround a matter, and, on the other hand, what actions are disallowed. Substantive legal matters govern society's behavior, and include, for instance, not only what actions and activities are disallowed, but also what is the requisite mental state, or *mens rea*, a perpetrator must have in order to be found culpable.
- 2 Procedural law tools.** Having laid out prescribed and prohibited behaviors, the law must carefully discuss and delineate the associated procedural aspects, which include the procedures for investigating crime and enforcing the substantive law. Procedural tools also largely govern what powers lie with the authorities.
- 3 Safeguards.** Due to the increased pervasiveness of the cyber-activity in all areas of the physical world, attempts to regulate a person's comportment in cyberspace must be careful not to become excessively expansive and infringe on other rights. As such, any law combatting cybercrime must pay careful attention establishing appropriate safeguards and the conditions under and by which investigative powers might be exercised.
- 4 International cooperation.** The developed legislation must not only be inward or domestic-looking, but should also include provisions for international cooperation. To this end, international conventions, notably the Budapest Convention, offer both substantial guidance and structure.<sup>FO</sup>

## C. Creating Specialized Cybercrime Units

The investigation of cybercrime and forensic analysis of electronic evidence and the prosecution of cybercrime require specific skills (see [section II.D](#), below). Authorities—investigatory, prosecutorial, judicial and advisory—should be supported in the setting up or strengthening of units that offer specialized support. Relatedly, mechanisms for assuring feedback and information sharing among agencies and units must be developed.

Particular attention should be paid to assuring that there is sufficient expertise among law enforcement authorities. Particular points of interest include (1) police-type cybercrime or high-tech units with strategic and operational responsibilities, (2) prosecution-type cybercrime units and (3) most generally, developing computer forensic resources for other law enforcement agencies that

may not be created with the goal of tackling cybercrime, by either embedding small specialized units within, or by creating separate structures, or, at minimum, by creating focal points and procedures for looping specialized units into matters, wherever appropriate. Because cybercrime is not a “siloed” area of concern, it should be expected that even non-specialized units will have to be able to utilize electronic evidence in non-computer crime, physical-world cases. As such, while certain tasks will necessarily require handling by trained specialists, many impediments could be prophylactically overcome by having these specialized units disseminate their knowledge and skills to the entirety of their agencies; indeed, in many case, knowledge dissemination might merely entail spreading awareness.

Beyond the law enforcement authorities, the judiciary should also have a place of recourse for matters of cybercrime. However, unlike with law enforcement authorities, setting up specialized cybercrime courts is not a preferable solution because the near-ubiquity of electronic evidence means that all judges will have to consider such matters, regardless of the nature of the case in question. Good practices have shown that a better first step is to train some judges, and to use those judges as focal points for acting as a resource and disseminating knowledge more widely.

More generally, it is important that interagency cooperation be facilitated and actively encouraged. Such a unifying and integrative element is essential, as, to be effective, cybercrime units must cooperate both with other police services (such as economic crime units, child protection units) and with other institutions (such as financial intelligence units, Computer Emergency Response Teams).

## Conclusion

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To support cybersecurity is to support and increase society’s ability to grow more robustly and more equitably. Cybercrime capacity-building is an essential element therein. And while resource-scarcity is a concern for all governments and institutions, it is generally—and increasingly—recognized that cybercrime capacity-building programs cannot be left unattended. Reasons for supporting cybercrime capacity-building include the great and growing reliance of society writ large on ICTs, digital evidence is ubiquitous in all crime-types; such capacity has the tangential benefits of improving rule of law and human rights safeguards, as well as bolstering civil rights at large, and facilitating human development and improving governance.

Cybercrime capacity-building programs are intended to support change. To that end, there must be a “culture of change” which, though initiated at certain points, must extend throughout all branches government. It must be owned by those in positions of authority, and administered and implemented in a coherent, holistic manner, as opposed to in a spotty, ad hoc fashion.

Producing an effective cybercrime capacity-building program requires a diversity of elements. At a fundamental level, both an overarching cybercrime policy and a strategy for implementation must be developed. Doing so will engage decision-makers, create synergistic cybersecurity strategies,



support human rights and rule of law requirements. To be effective, the policy must increase multi-stakeholder participation in strategy elaboration, and that strategy must be effectively managed in both a vertical and horizontal sense. Relatedly, contributions by donors and cooperation with partners must align with that strategy in a concerted manner.

That policy and strategy should be embodied in cybercrime-specific legislation. Although applicable to all aspects of cybersecurity, such is particularly true for the criminal aspects. Doing so requires the development and legislating of substantive law measures, building of procedural law tools, the creation of safeguards for rights and the opening up of a national system into one that not only allows for but which facilitates international cooperation.

Lastly, cybercrime capacity-building programs can focus on creating specialized cybercrime units. Such units can, in turn, act to catalysts and educators in their own right, first, by taking on discrete cybersecurity activities, and, second, raising understanding and awareness among their peers and counterparts across all branches of government.

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# Foundational Considerations

This chapter provides an overview for some of the foundational issues discussed in greater detail in the Toolkit. It starts by describing what is meant by “cybercrime”, discusses what conduct is criminalized and then provides some “basics” regarding procedural, evidentiary, jurisdictional and institutional issues.

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## Introduction

Broadly speaking, “cybercrime” encompasses illegal activities committed in cyberspace that either use ICT systems to commit the crime,<sup>BR</sup> or target ICT systems and the data that they store.<sup>AB</sup> In the former category, ICT—be it a computer, smart phone, or other device—is a vital component of the offense’s *modus operandi*.<sup>CO</sup> Such definitional variability is not necessarily detrimental, as technology’s constant development requires an evolving definition of “cybercrime:” a loose and flexible understanding of the term facilitates combatting illegal activities.<sup>IN</sup>

Recognizing that a globally accepted definition does not exist,<sup>TH</sup> this section (I) explores ways in which cybercrime has been understood, goes through both (II) existing definitions of cybercrime, as well as (III) grouping of activities constituting cybercrime, and (IV) concludes by proposing a working definition of “cybercrime” that will be used by the Toolkit. Discussion focuses on various approaches used by various institutions and organizations, looking to lessons learned from existing knowledge.

## I. Defining Cybercrime

Different definitions of cybercrime, of varying breadth and depth,<sup>SU</sup> have been put forward by experts, industry, and academia, some of which have been used by governments. Under rule of law principles, it is understood that laws must be clearly define the prohibited behavior<sup>ON</sup> and those statutes construed narrowly;<sup>GE</sup> such tenets are particularly true of criminal laws, where the consequences of misbehavior have significantly greater costs for perpetrators.

In order to define “cybercrime,” it is helpful to begin **(A)** by defining a few key terms, before moving on **(B)** to consider technology’s place in this evolving term and space, **(C)** to understand where cybercrime actually takes place, and then to both consider **(D)** broad and narrow understandings of cybercrime and **(E)** how and why national and international approaches differ.

## A. Key Terms

Before further examining different definitions of “cybercrime,” it is useful to describe some key elements central to construing cyberspace, namely “computer” (and “ICT”), “data” and “systems.”<sup>BA</sup> For the purposes of this Toolkit, these terms are understood as follows:

### Computer



Computer is understood as an electronic device for storing and processing data, typically in binary form, according to instructions given to it in a variable program.<sup>TH</sup> Relatedly, “*information and communications technology*” (**ICT**) is a broader term, which, though less commonly used to define cybercrime, emphasizes the place of unified communications, and which integrates audio-visual, telephone, and computer networks; although no concrete or universal definition exists as the concept continues to evolve with great rapidity, it can be understood as including computer systems and networks, as well as the data processed by them.

### Data



Data (be it described as computer, ICT, information, or electronic) describes a representation of facts, information, or concepts that can be read, processed, or stored by a computer or a computer system. Although some (though not all)<sup>CO</sup> multilateral instruments explicitly provide that “computer data includes ‘computer program,’”<sup>AR</sup> in practice all activities involving data are generally considered to be covered by provisions for computer data.<sup>IB</sup>

### System



System (be it described as computer, ICT, information, or electronic) means any device capable of processing data. Some multilateral instruments define “computer network” as an interconnection between two or more computer systems.<sup>AR2</sup> In practice, “computer system” includes, but is not limited to, a computer, a smart phone and a tablet, and other such ICT devices.<sup>CO2</sup>

## B. Technology's Place

In defining cybercrime, it is helpful to have an understanding of the infrastructure allowing it, namely of the technology that underpins it. Technology plays a defining role in cybercrime.<sup>KR</sup> On the one hand, and as discussed earlier,<sup>SU</sup> technology, in the form of electronic devices, such as computers or smart phones, or software, such as viruses and malware, may be used to facilitate a diversity of crimes perpetrated against individuals, organizations, or governmental entities. Essential cybertools having legitimate and beneficial uses, such as high-speed internet, peer-to-peer file sharing, and encryption, can be used to both enable and conceal criminal activity.

On the other hand, the technology itself may be the target of the crime. That technology needs to be understood in its diversity, being both hardware and software, and as being used by both the public and private sectors, as well as by individuals. Hardware is used by governmental and quasi-governmental authorities to assure the functioning of societies, from the functioning of power grids to the operating of dams and other pieces of infrastructure, to the coordinating of traffic controls and emergency services. Software is used to assure communications, delivery of goods, and monitoring of financial markets and delivery of its products.

Regardless of whether technology is understood as a facilitator or a target in cybercrime, it bears noting that the physical technology stores both the fruits and evidence of the cyber-committed crime.<sup>AN</sup>

It also bears noting that there is a great range in the use of technology in cybercrime. Certain cybercrimes require more technological savoir-faire or more powerful digital technologies in order to be carried out.<sup>SA</sup> For instance, "point-and-click" crimes, such as downloading child pornography or engaging in cyberstalking require relatively minimal technological support. By contrast, phishing, identity theft, and "denial-of-service" (DoS) or "distributed denial-of-service" (DDoS) attacks presuppose a much deeper and better understanding of digital and electronic technologies. Deviant acts requiring greater technological know-how also tend to be more deeply embedded in the virtual world.

## C. Locating the Crime

The borders and physicality of the "real," physical world are nonexistent in the digital, "virtual" world of cyberspace. Cyberspace enables criminals to act with disregard for borders and jurisdictions, to target large number of victims, and to do so both simultaneously and instantaneously. Although law-making and law-enforcing authorities, threatened by the new environment of cyberspace<sup>DA</sup>, attempt to impose or imprint a Westphalian nation-state conception of sovereignty and jurisdiction upon cyberspace, the idea of a "border" is vague at best, and largely defies definition.<sup>TH</sup>

That said, physical elements—server, screen, keyboard, password—play a mediating role between

the physical and the virtual world, giving cybercrime a “location” that has underlying physical qualities to the more evident virtual ones.<sup>DA</sup> While cyberspace “radically subverts a system of rule-making based on borders between physical spaces,”<sup>SU</sup> these physical elements have been central to tying cybercrime into traditional legal understandings.

Although the complexities of jurisdictional issues is discussed in greater depth further on (see [section II.E](#) below), several points are worth raising here briefly. States typically exercise both their jurisdictional power and apply their laws to offenses committed on their territory. Cyberspace, however, transcends geographical frontiers, enabling perpetrators to act illegally in one state while being physically located in another state. In cases where the crime is enacted from abroad, jurisdiction is asserted on the basis that the committed offense negatively impacted the state (or its citizen). However, while such harm might be used as a means of establishing jurisdiction, the typical baseline for a custodial state to recognize, validate and accept the jurisdictional assertion of the requesting state is instead that of “double criminality” (or “dual criminality”), meaning that the perpetrator’s comportment is punishable in both states.<sup>IA</sup> This approach both respects the maxim of *nulla poena sine lege* (“no punishment without law”), as well as typically raising fewer jurisdictional concerns.<sup>SU</sup> This mutuality is generally the basis, for example, of extradition law.<sup>IN</sup>

Alternatively, jurisdiction might also be asserted on the basis that the instrumentality enabling the offense—be it bank, money services, or other instrument—was located in the state intending to prosecute. In such an instance, a form of what is often called “long-arm” jurisdiction is being exerted over the perpetrator, whereby the foreign jurisdiction reaches beyond its territorial expanse to claim jurisdiction.<sup>LO</sup> In either instance, a basic, territorial approach and understanding to jurisdiction is at work.

#### **Box 4: Smc Pneumatics (India) Pvt. Ltd. vs. Shri Jogesh Kwatra (OS) NO. 1279/2001**

In India’s first case of cyber-defamation, Defendant was accused of sending “distinctly obscene, vulgar, filthy, intimidating, embarrassing, humiliating and defamatory” emails to employers and to employer’s subsidiaries around the world. Complainant filed suit for permanent injunction restraining Defendant.

The court accepted that Complainant had made a *prima facie* case, and, the aim and intention established, enjoining Complainant *ex parte* to, first, cease and desist in sending of further such emails, and, second, restraining him from publishing, transmitting, or causing to be published any information in both the physical world and in cyberspace that was derogatory or defamatory or abusive of Complainant.

## D. Broad and Narrow Understandings of Cybercrime

Approaches to criminalizing cybercrime have been largely disunited, resulting in a Balkanization of criminal laws rather than the creation of a single, international corpus juris of “cybercrime.” On a practical level, the absence of a concrete definition is a matter of particular concern in cybercrime as opposed to traditional crimes given cybercrime’s inherent trans-border and trans-jurisdictional nature.

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**In the absence of a concrete definition, law enforcement authorities have generally distinguished between two main types of internet-related crime:**

- 1 **Using a narrow understanding**, which focuses on advanced cybercrime (or high-tech crime), and which involves sophisticated attacks against computer hardware and software
- 2 **Using a broad understanding**, cyber-enabled crimes, which are so-called “traditional” crimes committed with the facilitation of ICT, or which are committed “in” cyberspace, and might include crimes against children, financial crimes, and even terrorism.<sup>CY</sup> This binary understanding, which has permeated many systems, was introduced during the 10th UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in 2000 as “cybercrime in a narrow sense” (or “computer crimes”)<sup>SU</sup> and “cybercrime in a broad sense” (or “computer-related crimes”).<sup>IB</sup>

## E. National versus International Approaches

Defining cybercrime depends on the context and purpose for which the definition will be used. In national, domestic legislation, the purpose of defining cybercrime is to enable investigation and prosecution of various offences falling under that umbrella. As such, it may not be useful to define the term either narrowly or precisely, especially when procedural provisions of domestic law could be applicable to acts constituting cybercrime as well as other crimes involving electronic evidence.

<sup>PO</sup> In the international context, defining cybercrime is useful for interpreting provisions concerning cross-border investigative powers. Some multilateral treaties on cybercrime extend international cooperation rules “for the collection of evidence in electronic form of a criminal offence,”<sup>SU</sup> while others specify that international cooperation rules apply to differentiate between “offences against computer information”<sup>CI</sup> and “cybercrime.”<sup>AF</sup> This differentiation has led the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to note that “[i]n the international sphere, conceptions of ‘cybercrime’ may thus have implications for the availability of investigative powers and access to extraterritorial electronic evidence.”<sup>SU2</sup>



## II. Existing Definitions

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This section briefly takes stock of selected practices in definitional approaches to “cybercrime” as used in **(A)** domestic, national legislation and **(B)** multilateral instruments on cybercrime, as well as **(C)** in the literature.

### A. National Level

While a number of countries have legislation dealing with cybercrime<sup>GE</sup>, only a few countries define “cybercrime” in their national legislation.<sup>AS</sup> Of those countries with a national cybercrime law, only a few explicitly use the term “cybercrime” in the articles of such law.<sup>EX</sup> Rather, titles or provisions in national laws pertaining to cybercrime use terms such as “electronic crimes,” “computer crimes,” “information technology crimes,” or “high-technology crimes.”<sup>AL</sup>

Regardless of how cybercrime is addressed, or what method is used to adapt it, a legal definition of “cybercrime” is rarely provided. Even when domestic legislation explicitly refers to “cybercrime,” there are often differences in how various national laws of the same state define the term. For example, while one approach defines cybercrime as “crimes referred to in this law,”<sup>AR</sup> another approach is to do so on the basis of instrumentalities, broadly defining cybercrime as “criminal offences carried out in a network or committed by the use of computer systems and computer data.”<sup>AR2</sup>

### B. International and Regional Instruments

There is no multilateral cybercrime instrument that explicitly defines the meaning of term. That said, the term has been used to accommodate a broad range of different offences, making any typology or classification difficult,<sup>SU</sup> “[t]he word ‘cybercrime’ itself is not amenable to a single definition, and is likely best considered as a collection of acts or conduct, rather than one single act.”<sup>SU2</sup>

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**There are, however, two general approaches within applicable multilateral instruments on cybercrime on how to conceptualize cybercrime.**

- 1 The first approach understands cybercrime as a collection of acts, without actually providing a singular definition of the term “cybercrime” itself.
- 2 The second approach is to offer a broad definition of either the term “offences against computer information”<sup>AR3</sup> or to use the term “information crime,”<sup>AR4</sup> without explicit reference to the term “cybercrime.” Examples of the first approach can be found, in the Budapest Convention, the African Union Convention and the ECOWAS Directive. Examples of the second approach include the Commonwealth of Independent States Agreement (CIS Agreement)<sup>SU3</sup> and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Agreement (SCO Agreement).<sup>SC</sup>

## C. Academia

Although academia has made wide and varying contributions to the effort to create a definition of “cybercrime,”<sup>TH</sup> no single, standardized consensus definition has been agreed upon. One colorful descriptor is that of cybercrime as “new wine, no bottles.” In any case, similar to what has been just discussed, there is consensus that cybercrimes can be appropriately understood as including both traditional crimes moved to a new environment, and new crimes allowed by this new environment. This understanding has let one author to classify according to “issues of degree” and “issues of kind.” Such variance in the definition of cybercrime is in part due to the rapid advances and evolutions in ICT, as well as understandings of cyberspace.

## III. Classifying Cybercrime

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While specific cybercrimes will be considered hereafter (see [section II.B.](#) below), it is worth considering how different regimes have classified cybercriminal behavior in developing an understanding of cybercrime. In the absence of a unitary definition, and without any unitary concept of what cybercrime is, the term is better understood as a range of acts falling into a certain category of crimes.<sup>SU</sup> That said, while a classification or categorization of cybercrime is less contentious, it is nonetheless difficult to find consensus with regard to the appropriate divisions of acts constituting cybercrime in domestic legislation, multilateral instruments or the literature.<sup>FO2</sup> Herein, seven different classifications, as laid out in international instruments are considered, namely, those of **(A)** The United Nations Secretariat, **(B)** The Commonwealth Secretariat, **(C)** The African Union, **(D)** ECOWAS, **(E)** UNODC, **(F)** United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) and, **(G)** The Council of Europe.

### A. United Nations Secretariat

The UN Secretariat carries out the diverse day-to-day work of the United Nations, servicing the other UN principal organs and administering their programs and policies. The Secretariat’s activities include administering peacekeeping operations, mediating international disputes, surveying economic and social trends and problems, and preparing studies on human rights and sustainable development.<sup>SE</sup>

In a background paper for a workshop on cybercrime presented at the 13th UN Congress on Cybercrime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2015, the UN Secretariat also takes a binary approach, but it categorizes cybercrime according to whether the offenses, (1) affect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of computer data or systems; and those where (2) computer or ICT systems form an integral part of the crime’s *modus operandi*.<sup>SU</sup>



## B. The Commonwealth Secretariat

The Commonwealth Secretariat is the main agency and central institution of the Commonwealth of Nations<sup>CO</sup>, an intergovernmental organization of fifty-three member states that were mostly territories of the former British Empire.<sup>AB</sup> The Secretariat facilitates cooperation between members, organizes meetings, assists and advises on policy development, and provides assistance in implementing decisions and policies of the Commonwealth.<sup>CO2</sup> In its 2014 report to Commonwealth Law Ministers, the Secretariat provides that “cybercrime” is not a defined legal category but rather a label that has been applied to a range of illicit activities associated with ICT and computer networks.<sup>AN</sup> The Report also categorizes cybercrime according to (1) new, criminal offences covering conduct that is harmful to ICT, and (2) traditional crimes committed using, or affected by, ICT.<sup>IB</sup>

## C. The African Union

Established in 2000<sup>AR</sup> with the vision of “An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in global arena,”<sup>AU</sup> the African Union (AU) plays an important role in international cooperation. The AU is part of a series of initiatives going back to 1980 that had the continent’s economic and social development as their quest.<sup>IB2</sup> In 2014, the AU adopted its Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection.<sup>AF</sup> Divided into three parts,<sup>IB</sup> the Convention classifies cybercriminal offenses in two: (1) offences specific to ICT;<sup>IB2</sup> (2) ICT-adapted offenses.<sup>IB3</sup>

## D. Economic Community of West African States

Founded in 1975, ECOWAS is a regional group of fifteen West African countries<sup>IB4</sup> headquartered in Abuja, Nigeria with the mandate of promoting economic integration among its constituents.<sup>TR</sup> An important regional bloc, ECOWAS is one the five regional pillars of the African Economic Community (AEC).<sup>AF</sup> In working towards that integration, ECOWAS has considered the matter of cybercrime, and has produced its “Directive on Fighting Cyber Crime within ECOWAS.”<sup>DI</sup> The Directive categorizes cybercrimes as either (1) new crimes or (2) traditional, ICT-adapted crimes.<sup>SI</sup> It bears noting that only the intended objectives of ECOWAS directives are binding on member states, and that each member state retains the freedom to decide on the best strategies for implementing and realizing those objectives.<sup>MO</sup>

## E. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

UNODC is mandated to assist UN Member States in their struggle against illicit drugs, crime and terrorism.<sup>AB</sup> This mandate is in support of the Millennium Declaration made by Member States,

in which they resolved to intensify efforts to fight transnational crime in all its dimensions, to redouble the efforts to implement the commitment to counter the world drug problem, and to take concerted action against international terrorism.<sup>RE</sup> UNODC is built on the three pillars of (1) field-based technical cooperation projects to enhance Member State capacity to counteract illicit drugs, crime, and terrorism; (2) research and analytical work to increase knowledge and understanding of drugs and crime issues, and to expand the evidence base for policy and operational decisions; (3) normative work to assist States in the ratification and implementation of the relevant international treaties, the development of domestic legislation on drugs, crime and terrorism, and the provision of secretariat and substantive services to the treaty-based and governing bodies.<sup>SU</sup>

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**The UNODC takes a slightly more complicated approach to its categorizing. In its Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime (Draft) (2013),<sup>AV</sup> UNODC categorizes cybercrime as consisting of three non-exhaustive categories:**

- 1 Acts against the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of computer data or systems
- 2 Computer-related acts for personal or financial gain or harm, including sending spam
- 3 Computer content-related acts<sup>IB</sup>

## F. United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) exists to assist the international community in formulating and implementing improved crime prevention and criminal justice policies through action-oriented research, training and technical cooperation programs. Having launched a strategic engagement in technology to support the fight against crime and responding to the misuse of technology, UNICRI is working to maintain a harmonized approach that effectively balances security concerns and human rights.

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**Similar to the UNODC, the UNICRI classification of cybercrime, discussed in its “Cybercrime: Risks for the Economy and Enterprises” Roundtable in 2013,<sup>UN</sup> is tripartite:**

- 1 Cyber analogues of traditional crimes
- 2 Cyber publishing of illegal content (e.g., child pornography; incitement to racial hatred)
- 3 Crimes unique to cyberspace (e.g., denial of service and hacking)MI

## G. Council of Europe

Founded in 1949, and with forty-seven Member States,<sup>OU</sup> the Council of Europe focuses on promoting human rights, democracy, rule of law, economic development, and integration of certain regulatory functions in Europe.<sup>IB2</sup> The Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime,

commonly known as the “Budapest Convention,”<sup>SU2</sup> is the first global instrument on cybercrime.<sup>IB3</sup> The Convention’s main objective is to pursue a common criminal policy aimed at the protection of society against cybercrime, especially through the adoption of appropriate legislation and by fostering international cooperation.<sup>IB4</sup> Focusing on infringements of copyright, computer-related fraud, child pornography, and violations of network security,<sup>SU</sup> the Budapest Convention sets the highest international level agreement, setting forth the aspiration of legal harmonization. It details powers and procedures such as for searching computer networks and lawful interception to that effect, all to address both the crimes listed in the convention and any other crimes entailing electronic evidence.

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**The Budapest Convention takes the most nuanced categorization of all of the major instruments, dividing cybercrime into four different types of criminal behavior:**

- 1 Offenses against the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of computer data and system<sup>SU2</sup>
- 2 Computer-related offenses<sup>IB</sup>
- 3 Computer content-related offenses (defined as child pornography)<sup>IB2</sup>
- 4 Computer-related offenses involving infringements of copyright and related rights<sup>IB3</sup>
- 5 The Convention also allows for ancillary liability and sanctions for inchoate offenses (attempt, and aiding or abetting)<sup>IB4</sup> and for corporate liability.<sup>IB5</sup>

## Conclusion: The Toolkit’s Working Definition of “Cybercrime”

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A precise definition of “cybercrime” does not exist. Broadly speaking, cybercrime is understood as a “computer-related crime,” and need not necessarily target a computer or ICT device.<sup>SU3</sup> A “typology” approach of acts constituting cybercrime has been used by a number of institutions and agreements, including in the African Union Convention,<sup>SU4</sup> the ECOWAS Directive,<sup>SU5</sup> and the Commonwealth Secretariat’s 2014 report to Commonwealth Law Ministers.<sup>SU6</sup>

Striving to make the Toolkit as useful as possible, a broad and expansive working definition of cybercrime will be used herein. Accordingly, the term “**cybercrime**” is understood to include criminal conduct (as provided in substantive law) that is directed against the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of ICTs, as well as criminal acts carried out through the instrumentality of ICTs.

Relatedly, the term “**ICT**,” a term growing in usage, is understood to include computer systems and networks, as well as the data processed by them. Using “ICT” is helpful as it reflects recent trends in technological developments, including convergences of older forms of technologies with newer ones.

# Criminalized Conduct

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## Introduction

As developed in the previous section,<sup>SU</sup> this Toolkit uses a broad definition of “cybercrime,” understanding it as criminal conduct (as provided in substantive law) directed against the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of ICTs, as well as criminal acts carried out through the instrumentality of ICTs. That definition is a two-part that comprises cybercrime as including both information and systems as targets (ICT-targeted), and the use of ICT devices to conduct criminal offenses (ICT-enabled offenses). Building upon the previous section’s definition, this section examines criminalized conduct. While the working definition is bipartite, this section presents criminalized conduct, without trying to classify that behavior as either ICT-targeted or ICT-enabled—indeed, some will be both.

Additionally, as much as already been written about them, this chapter does not attempt to cover all of the well-accepted cybercrimes, but instead intends to focus on select new and emerging issues, as well as to shed new light on some of those more well-known cybercrimes. One of the great challenges in combatting cybercrime is “future-proofing” the law - ensuring that the law keeps pace with all sorts of new ways to conduct criminal activity on-line. In practical terms, one question facing policy-makers and legislators is whether to attempt to specifically criminalize each new type of activity, or to craft a legal framework that is more general in nature but flexible enough to ensure that it can be applicable to new sorts of criminal activity as they arise.

Just as with the definition of cybercrime, it is equally difficult to find consensus on what constitutes cybercrime beyond a limited, core number of acts compromising ICT confidentiality, integrity, and availability. With the exception of ICT-facilitated dissemination of child pornography,<sup>SU2</sup> there is little agreement on what constitutes content-related offences.<sup>UN</sup>

This section runs through several of the mostly commonly criminalized acts constituting cybercrime: **(I)** unauthorized access to a computer system, or “hacking,” **(II)** unauthorized monitoring, **(III)** data alteration (sometimes called data “diddling”), **(IV)** system interference **(V)**, **(V)** computer content-related offences, **(VII)** cyberstalking, **(VIII)** financial cybercrimes, **(IX)** ransomware and **(X)** misuse of devices. It concludes in an integrative attempt to prepare the discussion on procedural issues, discussed more thoroughly in the next chapter.

## I. Unauthorized Access to a Computer System(“Hacking”)

Hacking, or unauthorized access to a computer system, is, in many ways, the most basic cybercrime as it enables subsequent (cyber)criminal behavior.<sup>FO</sup> Once access is gained to an ICT device or network, the cybercriminal may target information and data, or my turn to target systems. There are various means for infiltrating a device, system, or network. “Malware” is an umbrella term used to describe malicious code or software, including viruses, worms, Trojan horses, ransomware, spyware, adware, and scareware.<sup>IN</sup>

### Box 1: Various Hacking Techniques

**Hacking might be accomplished through a variety of techniques. The most common forms include the following:**

**Malware:** A malicious piece of code (including viruses, worms, Trojans, or spyware) which infects devices or systems, which is typically capable of copying itself, and which typically has a detrimental effect, such as corrupting the system or destroying data.

**Adware:** A malicious piece of code that downloads or displays unwanted ads when a user is online, collects marketing data and other information without the user’s knowledge, or redirects search requests to certain advertising websites.

**Phishing:** Impersonation of a trusted organization or person by electronic means that aims to fraudulently procure sensitive information, typically financial information, from the recipient.

**Botnet:** A network of private computers infected with malicious software and controlled as a group without their owners’ knowledge in order to multiply the effects of cyberattack.

**Denial-of-Service (DOS) or Distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) Attack:** An attempt to overwhelm or overload an organization's website or network in order to render it unavailable to intended users by interrupting or suspending services.

**Ransomware:** Malicious code disguised as a legitimate file used by hackers to encrypt computer files on users' devices, thereby preventing access to the files or to the device until a ransom fee is paid. The inverse of a DoS attack, ransomware makes it impossible for the user to decrypt its own files without the decryption key, which (in principle) is offered upon payment of a ransom.

**Injection Attack:** The most common and successful attack-type on the internet (e.g., SQL Injection (SQLi), Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)), it targets web-based applications, and works by hiding malicious code (a "payload") inside verified user input (thereby bypassing authentication and authorization mechanisms) that is shown to the end user's browser, which in turn executes the apparently trust-worthy script. The script often creates errors visible to the attacker, many of which tend to be sufficiently descriptive to allow an attacker to obtain information about the structure of the database and thereby control it.<sup>IN</sup>

Hacking by definition compromises system integrity and, as such, imperils confidence not only in that individual device, system, or network, but also potentially in the larger notion of the integrity of networking and cyberspace as a whole.<sup>VI</sup>

## Box 2: Target Corp. Targeted in Massive Data Hack

In December 2013, in one of the largest data breaches ever reported, hackers infiltrated the ICT systems of Target Corporation, the second-largest discount retailer in the United States, and stole personal information (email, addresses, etc.) of some 70 million customers, including credit and debit card records on more than 40 million customers.

The Target breach, caused by malware installed on the company's networks that siphoned away customer information, happened during the holiday shopping period. When announced, the chain's traffic, sales, and stock value were immediately affected, with profits falling by 46 percent for that quarter. Target subsequently agreed to pay US\$10 million to settle a lawsuit brought by shoppers affected by the breach.

Since most ICT systems are usually shielded from unauthorized access, an intruder must penetrate the security system. As such, many legal systems class hacking—simply on the basis of being as unauthorized access—as criminal in and of itself.<sup>ST</sup> The Budapest Convention, for instance,

addresses hacking by criminalizing “offenses against the confidentiality, integrity and availability of computer data and systems” at large,<sup>GE</sup> and, more specifically, by targeting “illegal access,” understood as “access to the whole or any part of a computer system without right.”<sup>SU</sup> Laws generally categorize the offense as unauthorized entry into a protected ICT system, regardless of the offender’s purpose.<sup>WE</sup> However, the Budapest Convention allows that further *mens rea* elements<sup>TH</sup> in addition to intentionality and “without right” might be included, as State Parties “may require that the offence be committed by infringing security measures, with the intent of obtaining computer data or other dishonest intent, or in relation to a computer system that is connected to another computer system.”<sup>SU2</sup>

### Case 1: United States v. Marcel Lehe Lazar<sup>US</sup>

Lazar pled guilty to two of a nine-count indictment that included three counts of gaining unauthorized access to protected computers, having hacked into email and social media accounts of some one hundred Americans, including family members of two former U.S. presidents, a former U.S. Cabinet member, a former member of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and a former presidential advisor. Lazar claims to have breached Hillary Clinton’s personal email server,<sup>PE</sup> although there is no evidence to verify that claim.

Lazar was apprehended and tried in his native Romania, where he was found guilty on similar charges and jailed for seven years,<sup>SU3</sup> before, in a showing of international cooperation among law enforcement authorities, he was extradited to the United States.<sup>US2</sup> The court sentenced him to a further seven years in prison.<sup>SU4</sup>

## II. Unauthorized Monitoring

Just like hacking, unauthorized “monitoring”<sup>MO</sup> might target devices, data, or both. Such activity is typically done by using or installing monitoring devices or software in the ICT system after having gained access to the system. The physical world analogue is wiretapping. It bears noting that, while initial access to the system may have been granted and authorized, this offence is not in the entry—as in hacking—but rather in remaining “in” the system thereafter, and monitoring or otherwise affecting the system and/or any stored or transmitted computer data therein.<sup>SA</sup> Thus, while authorized entry may not have been *per se* revoked (that is, if it had been granted), permission to remain in the system, even if only in a “viewing” capacity, has not been granted.

### Box 3: Spotting Hack Attacks and Monitoring Malware

Edward Snowden, of renown for the unauthorized copying and leaking of classified information collected by the U.S. National Security Agency in 2013,<sup>ED</sup> is developing a smart phone case that will inform the user whether the device has been hacked.<sup>SN</sup> As mobile phones are the “perfect tracking device,”<sup>AN</sup> and as it is relatively easy to develop software that masks whether the phone’s integrity has been compromised, Snowden and a colleague are developing a phone-mounted battery case that monitors radio activity. Monitoring technology might be used as much by governments<sup>GO</sup> as private sector spies.<sup>KE</sup>

An example of monitoring malware is Flame (also known as well as Flamer, sKyWIper, and Skywiper),<sup>LA</sup> a modular computer malware discovered in 2012 by Kaspersky Labs at the prompting of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations agency that manages information and communication technologies.<sup>DA</sup> Flame, which may have been active for as long as eight or more years before it was discovered,<sup>SU</sup> not only targeted computers running the Microsoft Windows operating system, but, in an act that broke world-class encryption, was found to have been delivered through Windows updates.<sup>SU2</sup> A precursor to the Stuxnet virus,<sup>IN</sup> Flame was designed to stealthily search top-secret files and gather intelligence through keyboard, screen, microphone, storage devices, network, WiFi, Bluetooth, USB, and system processes,<sup>SU3</sup> transmitting document summaries of the gleaned intelligence.<sup>SU4</sup> As network managers might notice sudden data outflows, the malware was designed to gradually transmit harvested information to its command-and-control server.<sup>IB</sup> Data transfer could be done with any Bluetooth-enabled device, and, with a “Bluetooth rifle,” could have a range of up to two kilometers.<sup>IB2</sup> Flame has been particularly used to target Middle Eastern countries.

## III. Data Alteration

Data alteration (or “diddling,” or false data entry), is the interception and changing of data before or during entry into a computer system, or the altering of raw data just prior to processing and then changing it back after processing has been completed.<sup>US</sup> It can occur at various points along the chain of information entry. However, as end-to-end encryption is growing in both effectiveness<sup>SU</sup> and in frequency<sup>SU2</sup>, data diddling is increasingly happening by hacking the device before either the to-be-sent data has been encrypted or after the received data and been unencrypted, rather than intercepting the data and then having to unencrypt it.<sup>PM</sup>

As with many other cybercrimes, data diddling allows cybercriminals to manipulate output while largely preserving the perpetrator’s anonymity; however, data diddling is often very subtle and virtually undetectable. Forging or counterfeiting documents are typical examples. Cyber forensic



tools can be used to trace when data was altered, what that data was, and then to change it back to its original form. A simpler and more direct method of control is through version control and by keeping multiple records, including hardcopies, just as much for comparison's sake as to back up the data. Data diddling may be used to target a wide-range of information; concern over possible tampering with public legal documents has limited governmental recourse to the web in areas as diverse as the publication of court judgments<sup>BU</sup> and voting.<sup>HA</sup>

### Case 2: People of Colorado v. Raymond D. Ressin et al.<sup>PE</sup>

Defendants defrauded a brokerage firm of US\$171,756.17, and were convicted on three counts of theft. Raymond Ressin, a clerk working for a brokerage firm in Denver, Colorado, purchased 200 shares of Loren Industries at US\$1.50 for his outside accomplice, Robert Millar, amounting to a total of US\$300. He subsequently altered the account number suffix, changing the purchase from a legitimate "cash" account, which was to have been paid in full, to a "margin" account, which qualified the purchase for a loan of up to fifty percent of the account value. Ressin subsequently changed the last two digits of the authorization code from LII (Loren Industries, Inc.) to LILN (Longing Island Lighting), an approved margin stock worth US\$130 a share. As a result, the account value went from US\$300 to US\$26,000, with a borrowing power of US\$13,000. Ressin subsequently adjusted the records inputted into a computerized accounting system. Repeating the process, and then leveraging that fraudulent borrowing power, the defendants made further purchases, parlaying the initial US\$300 investment to a net value of US\$171,756.17 (approximately US\$700,000 in 2016).

## IV. Systems' Interference

As already discussed,<sup>SU</sup> a fundamental interest is the "integrity" of private and public ICT systems and networks, meaning that they function according to their operating rules and the input furnished by the owners.<sup>EM</sup> As any unauthorized interference can seriously undermine public trust in the secure, proper functioning of ICT systems, many legal systems have adopted criminal sanctions to punish it.<sup>TE</sup> This kind of activity goes beyond undermining uncertainty in cyberspace and in the systems constructed therein.<sup>ON</sup> Typical examples include unauthorized transmission and changes of data, removal or destruction of data and of software, as well as impeding access to an ICT systems.<sup>TH</sup> Just as system interference (sometimes called "cybersabotage") can be conducted by either private industry or by governments, so, too, can its targets be either private industry or national. In this chapter we refer to system interference for criminal gain.<sup>SO</sup>

#### Box 4: Sony Pictures Entertainment Attacked

On November 24, 2014, a hacker group identifying itself as “Guardians of Peace” (GOP) leaked confidential data stolen from the film studio Sony Pictures Entertainment.<sup>AN</sup> The large amount of leaked data included personal details on Sony Pictures employees and their families, emails between employees, information about executive salaries, copies of then-unreleased Sony films, and other information.<sup>IB</sup> Following threats to release more information, Sony Pictures bowed to the demands by the GOP group not to release the film *The Interview*, a spoof on North Korean premier, Kim Jong-un.<sup>AI</sup> U.S. authorities concluded that North Korea had been “centrally involved” in the hack.<sup>DA</sup>

## V. Computer Content-Related Offences

Computer content-related offences are acts of disseminating, making available, or storing material with illegal content by the use of computer systems or the ICTs. Particular concern is given to content that is religiously or racially discriminatory, contains child pornography, or incites hate acts or terrorism.

This category of offenses can often pose challenges to freedom of expression protections.

<sup>IN</sup> International law allows the prohibition of certain types of expression.<sup>AC</sup> However, there are often disparities among domestic legislation. For example, the online dissemination of racist and xenophobic material is prohibited in many European countries, while the same acts might be protected in the United States.<sup>SU</sup>

While most areas of cybercrime still lack consensus—especially for computer content-related activities—, cyber child pornography, in particular, is an area where criminalization is generally accepted. Although a specific cyber-pornography laws is sometimes legislated,<sup>CF</sup> such activity is more typically criminalized by expanding either the general criminal law<sup>CH</sup> or the cybercrime law.<sup>KO</sup> Amendments tend to make provisions general enough to cover both traditional and online renderings (i.e., “by any means”),<sup>AR</sup> or to make specific amendments explicitly speaking to online child pornography.<sup>BR</sup>

## VI. Cyberstalking

Cyberstalking is a crime that often blurs the line between the real and the virtual, and even between the physical and the psychological. As such, it deserves space to discuss **(A)** the concept of stalking and cyberstalking, **(B)** how best to combat cyberstalking, and **(C)** a brief exposé of the elements that go into good practice.

## A. The Concept of (Cyber)stalking

Stalking is a pattern of behavior involving acts which, though often individually inconsequential, collectively make the victim feel harassed, nervous, anxious, fearful, threatened, or otherwise insecure.<sup>DO</sup> Behavior amounting to stalking ranges from the repeated sending of unwanted messages (telephonic, mail, or otherwise) or gifts, to the more aggressive activities of surveying or pursuing the victim. Stalking is committed by those with varying backgrounds, motivations, and psychological disorders;<sup>NA</sup> the majority of perpetrators have a problematic social life, and may suffer from psychosocial problems or disorders, such as schizophrenia paranoid disorder. In the United States, an estimated 3.4 million persons age 18 or older were victims of stalking during any given 12-month period.<sup>KA</sup>

While a wide range of acts can be involved in stalking, and while they can result from a wide series of causes, two critical elements characterize stalking: first, the repetitiveness of the overall behavior (not necessarily any one type of act); second, the victim's reasonable perception of that behavior as unwelcomed and unacceptably invasive. Stalking itself does not involve the infliction of any direct physical harm by the perpetrator. Rather, antistalking laws operate as a means of providing law enforcement officials with a mechanism for intervening before violence actually occurs.<sup>SU</sup>

Cyberstalking, the convergence of stalking and cyberspace, is characterized by the repeated use of unwanted electronic communications—emails, spamming, flaming, online defamation, blogging, and the like<sup>CY</sup>—sent directly or indirectly, which renders the victim insecure, as well as misrepresentation online. Just as with traditional stalking, it is the behavior's repetitiveness and the reasonable, subjective apprehension that characterize cyberstalking.

While the medium might be different, stalking done in the virtual world can be just as distressful, destructive, and damaging as that done in the physical world. While cyberstalking may be complemented by physical-world stalking,<sup>IB</sup> its effects can be far more destructive.

### Case 3: Ramm v. Loong

Leandra Ramm, a U.S. citizen residing the area of San Francisco, California, was the victim of cyberstalking by Colin Mak Yew Loong, a Singaporean man, residing in Singapore. For six years, Mak, who had initially posed as a director of a music festival, made harassing phone calls and sent some 5,000 emails, in addition to creating hate groups on Facebook and Twitter and a slanderous blog, through which he made threats of rape and physical violence against Ramm and her family. Mak even made bomb threats to the opera companies that engaged her. A promising opera singer, Ramm's career was destroyed and she suffered serious psychological episodes, including contemplating suicide, eventually being diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

For six years, Ramm was rebuffed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York Police Department, and other government agencies, and was met with a lack of interest by Singaporean authorities (where cyberstalking was not criminalized). Eventually, Ramm hired a cybercrime expert with links to the U.S. Secret Service, who was able to navigate the U.S. and Singaporean legal systems.

Mak admitted to 31 counts of criminal intimidation between 2005 and 2011 (as well as confessing to having harassed two other foreigners (a Ukrainian violinist, and the German boyfriend of a Hungarian pianist) and a Singaporean business woman; to criminally trespassing at St. James Church; and to stealing biscuits from the Church's kindergarten). After considering the aggravating factors, the Singapore Subordinate Court determined that Mak made "vicious threats of violence and extremely vulgar email rants" against Ms Ramm that was tantamount to "mental assault" as well as repeated acts of aggressive intrusion, and sentenced Mak to 36 months in prison (nine months' jail for each of the 14 counts, with four of the sentences run consecutively) and to pay a fine of S\$5,000.

Taking almost nine years, the conviction makes for the first successful prosecution of an international cyberstalking case. In the words of the presiding judge, the case is "a timely reminder that harassment laws need to keep pace with changes in technology and the pervasive use of the Internet and social media". Singapore has subsequently criminalized cyber bullying and stalking.

## B. Combatting Cyberstalking

Cyberstalking has only relatively recently been seen as a serious crime, and is still not universally criminalized. In 2014, a European Union-wide survey across the 28 Member States found that only 11 had specific anti-stalking laws.<sup>EU</sup> Since then, the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention has substantially worked to harmonize laws on violence against women across Europe, including stalking (without distinction between physical and cyber stalking).<sup>CO</sup> In the United States, stalking became an issue of social concern in the 1990s;<sup>CA</sup> the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) criminalized stalking under U.S. federal legislation.<sup>TH</sup> The first jurisdiction in the U.S. to criminalize cyberstalking was California in 1999;<sup>CA2</sup> in 2000, language was added to the federal law, VAWA, to include cyberstalking.<sup>TH2</sup> While legal definitions vary across jurisdictions,<sup>WH</sup> thereby complicating prosecution and investigation,<sup>KA</sup> courts have facilitated legislative hiccups by extending existing, traditional statutes to include electronic tools.<sup>CO</sup>

#### Case 4: United States v. Baker<sup>UN</sup>

Defendants, Abraham Jacob Alkhabaz, a.k.a. Jake Baker, and Arthur Gonda, were prosecuted for electronic mail messages involving sexual and violent behavior towards women and girls. Baker also posted a story describing the torture, rape, and murder of a young woman sharing the name of one of Baker's classmates at the University of Michigan.

Although the true identity and whereabouts of Gonda, who was operating from a computer in Ontario, Canada, are still unknown, Baker was arrested and charged under federal statute 18 U.S.C. § 875(c), which prohibits interstate communications containing threats to kidnap or injure another person. The count based on Baker's story publication was dismissed as protected as free speech under the First Amendment of the Constitution. The other charges, which were based on defendants' email correspondence, and thus of a private nature, were deemed not to constitute "true threats" by the district court. The Sixth U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the district court's decision. It bears noting that, in the United States, just what constitutes a "true threat" under U.S. law remains unclear.<sup>EL</sup>

Cyberstalking is frequently misconstrued as a crime lacking significance. In order to effectively combat cyberstalking, the government must, first, actively work at breaking attitude barriers that make such behavior acceptable, and, second, build sufficient capacity in order to both conduct proper investigations and to offer alleged victims the appropriate degree of psychological support and understanding.

Overcoming attitudinal barriers is also a necessary part of crime fighting. In stalking at large, and in cyberstalking in particular, initial contact between perpetrator and victim is generally benign, and may even be positive. Once communications turn disturbing, however, there is a tendency of victims to immediately and spontaneously destroy the unwelcomed overtures; such behavior by victims is typically motivated out of a sudden onset of fear or embarrassment. Unfortunately, doing so can significantly hinder authorities. As such, the battle against (cyber)stalking begins by breaking attitudinal barriers and educating people so victims are not oblivious to the signs of stalking and do not destroy evidence.

### C. Examples of Good Practice

The first step to a successful prosecution is collecting sufficient information from the victim. If there are grounds to assume that the act was perpetrated by an acquaintance, investigators may have to focus on the victim's internet activity. The investigative process stands or falls on trust: investigators must give victims ground for putting trust and confidence in them, and for feeling secure enough in sharing their story, a story that can often be quite disturbing and which can become increasingly disturbing as more evidence is uncovered and the fuller picture emerges.<sup>BU</sup> Having established

a rapport of trust with the victim and heard the victim's account, investigators then need to secure actionable evidence. Having brought the incidences to the attention of law enforcement authorities, victims must be instructed in how to preserve subsequent communication and contents; as digital evidence can be particularly fragile, attention to properly instructing victims should not be undervalued. Further, victims need to be instructed on how best to cooperate with investigators.

The anonymity of cyberspace often makes it difficult to identify a methodical cyberstalker who does not wish to be identified. Such is especially complicated by the fact that so many perpetrators have never had a relationship with the victim. Moreover, investigators usually face difficulties tracing suspects, as most cyberstalkers do not have material motivation. Technology has created a whole new space in which crime can occur, and technological developments continue to outpace anti-cyberstalking laws.<sup>NA</sup> Such being the case, investigators need to be sufficiently trained and experienced in more than just psychology and standard evidence collection, but also in dealing with different subscriber networks, including email, blogs and bulletin boards, text messaging, and telephone and fax networks so as to understand how to piece together, and preserve, an evidence trail.

As with most cybercrimes, cyberstalking's frequently transnational, cross-boundary nature, as combined with technical advances that help perpetrators to remain anonymous, significantly increase the cost and timing of the combatting this crime. Indeed, the U.K.'s Crown Prosecution Service has noted information request result in delays of up to three months, as compared to an apprehending of physical-world stalkers within hours.<sup>OU</sup> In addition to drawing out the duration of the crime, these delays also give perpetrators valuable time to destroy evidence.

## VII. Financial Cybercrimes

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From fraud to forgery, spoofing to spamming, cybercriminals have particularly targeted the financial services sector. As such, it is worth discussing **(A)** the reasons why the financial sector is especially vulnerable to cybercrime, and **(B)** the impact of cyberattacks on the financial sector.

### A. Financial Sector Vulnerabilities

Rapid ICT advances have not only allowed financial sector entities to improve their performance and diversify their offerings, but have also enabled criminal networks to carry out new and increased criminal activities in the online environment. As a result, the financial services sector has become particularly dependent, and, correspondingly, susceptible to cybercrime. According to the PricewaterhouseCoopers' 2014 Global Economic Crime Survey (GECS), 39% of financial sector respondents said they have been victims of cybercrime, compared to only 17% in other industries.<sup>PR</sup> Cybercrime, appears to be on the increase.<sup>IB</sup>

There are many reasons why financial institutions are targeted by cybercriminals, but, to take from a line attributed to one infamous bank robber, mostly “because that’s where the money is.”<sup>AL</sup> Banks have money in liquid form, credit card companies have it in plastic form and retailers have it derived from credit card information shared with them by consumers.<sup>CU</sup> ICT innovations that allow customers to access to their finances at any time and from any place.<sup>RA</sup> As mentioned earlier, in December 2013, the U.S. retailer Target was the object of a malware attack that resulted in the theft of personal information of over 70 million customers.<sup>CO</sup> Reports show that, each year, financial details of millions are stolen from systems operated by hotels, retail chains, banks, and community service providers.<sup>TH</sup>

### **Box 5: Vulnerabilities in Business Practice beyond Banking<sup>BU</sup>**

Business email compromise (BEC) is an exceptionally pervasive and injurious type of cybercrime. BEC commonly manifests in one of three forms: hacking of employee emails, hacking of high-level executives, or exploitation of supplier relationships. BEC is a method by which cybercriminals gain the confidence of employees, employers, or businesses through carefully crafted communications that imitates standard operating procedures, masquerading as legitimate. Once email account relationships are infiltrated, information needed to imitate communications, thereby enabling the sending of fraudulent transaction requests. Businesses of all sizes and varieties are targeted using BEC scams, with the amount of funds stolen depending upon what is typical for that business’s transactions.

Statistics compiled by the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), a partner of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), indicate that, between October 2013 and December 2014, there were 2126 cases of BEC amounting to a combined financial loss of US\$214,972,503.30. However, as only 45 countries outside the U.S. sent complaints to IC3, these figures probably underrepresent BEC’s global impact.

As is true of cybercrime at large, BEC scams can be launched from any country and can target any entity or individual relying upon email communications. The money trail can be as difficult to follow as the origin of the attack, as funds are frequently transferred multiple times across several jurisdictions. The nature of this particular type of cybercrime, the number of attacks, and the potentially small amounts taken together make it exceedingly difficult to trace, prosecute, and recover assets of such crimes.

Although cyberattacks may be carried out through malware, phishing, or direct hacks, the most common method is through DDoS attacks,<sup>SU</sup> which aim to cripple the functions of ICT systems of the targeted business by bombarding their websites with requests until they are unable to cope and cease to properly function. In what has been called the “Operation Payback” campaign, the Anonymous group of hackers targeted firms seen as being anti-WikiLeaks, including MasterCard



and Visa after they withdrew their services from WikiLeaks, using DDoS attacks to disrupt their web services.<sup>BB</sup>

## B. The Impact of Cyberattacks on the Financial Sector

According to the Center for Strategic and International Studies report,<sup>CS</sup> the estimated annual cost of cybercrime is between US\$375 billion and US\$575 billion in losses, primarily borne by the private sector. This amount represents the total sum of opportunity costs, confidential business information and market manipulation, and recovery costs for the targeted institutions.<sup>IB</sup> However, there are also substantial indirect costs associated with the theft and abuse of financial and personal information that are kept by financial institutions.

### Case 5: United States v. Drinkman<sup>UN</sup>

The U.S. Department of Justice indicted five Defendants for hacking, wire fraud, and unauthorized computer access of financial institutions with the intention of stealing usernames, personal data, and credit card information.<sup>IN</sup> On 28 June 2012, four Russians and one Ukrainian, were arrested in the Netherlands. Targeted companies included NASDAQ, 7-Eleven, Carrefour, JCP, Hannaford, Heartland, Wet Seal, Commidea, Dexia, JetBlue, Dow Jones, Euronet, Visa Jordan, Global Payment, Diners Singapore and Ingenicard.<sup>HT</sup>

The methods of hacking utilized by the defendants included Structured Query Language (SQL) injection attacks, SQL injection strings, malware, and tunneling. All of these mechanisms were used to gain access to computer systems of the corporate victims and extract customers' credit card data and personal information for direct criminal gang use or for sale on the black market. This scheme mainly targeted retailers, credit card companies, and other businesses by successfully invading their computer systems that process payment services.<sup>TA</sup>

Between 2005 and 2012, the defendants retrieved information on 160 million credit card numbers as well as other personal identification information. The information thefts allegedly cost three of the targeted institutions a collective US\$ 300 million in losses, both in direct costs from the stolen data and in subsequent remediation. The costs are under-representative, however, as the effects were not limited to retailers and financial institutions, but also extended to consumers.<sup>US</sup>

Cyberattacks on financial institutions are of particular concern because they undermine not only individual reputations, but also consumer confidence in that entity's online services, as well as the security of the larger financial sector's offering of cyber-based services. Undermining consumer

confidence decreases financial activity and, if business is shifted to more traditional means, often results in increased costs. More dramatically, it results in consumers removing their money from the financial system and placing it under the proverbial mattress, thereby further hurting the global financial system and markets. As an alternative, as indicated by Target consumers following that cyberattack, customers may, where possible, switch to making cash transactions, which also limits the efficacy and size of the market.<sup>RO</sup>

Left unaddressed, cyberattacks targeting the personal information kept by financial institutions could have crippling severe impact upon economies. These costs go well beyond the immediate financial institutions that hackers target, extending to the clients of those services and having subsequent direct (lack of liquidity, opportunity costs, etc.) and indirect effects (lowered credit scores, loss of system confidence, lowered investment rates, etc.).

### Case 6: United States v. Ulbricht ("Silk Road")<sup>UN</sup>

Ulbricht was convicted and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for conspiracy and money laundering charges stemming from his supposed role as "Dread Pirate Roberts", the operator of the online marketplace "Silk Road", where anonymous payments in bitcoin were made for, among other things, controlled substances, pirated software, and fake IDs.<sup>SD</sup> Run through the Tor network, Silk Road operated on the Dark Web, a virtual space inaccessible without specialized software or access authorization.<sup>TA</sup>

Bitcoin is a digital currency manifestation of "blockchain" technology, a method of recording data that allows for independent recording and verification of "blocks" of digital records that have been lumped together, and then cryptographically (known as "hashing") and chronologically bound in a "chain" using complex mathematical algorithms. The recording system can be generically described as a distributed database or "public ledger;" however, this ledger, to which everyone in the network has access, is not stored in any one place but rather distributed across multiple computers around the world. The only recorded data is the fact of its occurrence and the hash of the transaction.<sup>HO</sup> Not all blockchains are anonymous, and bitcoin is but one manifestation of blockchain technology.<sup>IB</sup> Blockchain technology has been described as the most disruptive technology since the internet.<sup>DO</sup>

Bitcoin transactions, because they are highly secure and highly anonymous, pose certain challenges to "traditional" forms of combatting financial crimes, particularly with regard to the finding and extraditing of perpetrators. However, even with bitcoin, anonymity is not complete: first, perpetrators must "cash out" of bitcoin to realize their profits, and, second, as bitcoin's shared ledger makes transactions public, even if unidentified.

Bitcoin also raises regulatory concerns. While banking is a regulated sector, bitcoin transactions are not considered part of the banking system in many jurisdictions, often making it unclear whether banking law or cybercrime law should apply. In banking, various

suspicious activity reporting (SAR) rules require financial institutions to report suspicious transactions, many, if not all, of which may not apply to bitcoin transactions.<sup>US</sup> That said, the inherent forensic element of bitcoin often lends itself to facilitating investigations once matters reach that stage.

## VIII. Misuse of Devices

The offense of misuse of devices prohibits the use of a device, password, or access code in the furtherance of the afore-enumerated acts.<sup>IB</sup> Acts criminalizing such offenses have existed for some time, and have typically been used as a means of targeted hacking by targeting the tools enabling cybercrime.<sup>UN</sup> Such behavior is criminalized for all of the reasons discussed above, but notably because it diminishes the security and reliability of computer data and of cyberspace as a whole. An example of this crime is computer-related forgery.<sup>IB2</sup> The offense can be difficult to ring-fence, however.<sup>AR</sup>

### Case 7: Geoffrey Andare v. Attorney General<sup>IB3</sup>

In April 2015, Andare was arrested for violating a Kenyan law criminalizing the misuse of an ICT subsequent to his having posted a message on his social media page reprimanding an agency official for allegedly exploiting others. Section 29 of the Kenya Information and Communications Act—“the improper use of an ICT system”—criminalizes the use of any licensed telecommunication system, such as a mobile phone or computer, to “send[] a message or other matter that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character.”<sup>CH</sup> It also imposed a penalty of a fine not exceeding KSh50,000, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or both.<sup>IB</sup>

In April of 2016, High Court Judge Mumbi Ngugi struck down that section of the law as violating the constitutional right to freedom of expression,<sup>SU</sup> and also as being overly broad and suffering from vagueness.<sup>IB2</sup> The law, it was determined, had a chilling effect on legitimate online expression. In reaching her decision, the judge offered that the laws of Libel are sufficiently robust, referring to a recent case where damages of KSh5 million were awarded against a blogger for defamation by a separate court which relied on laws of Libel.

## Conclusion

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This section has discussed certain core and evolving cybercrime acts—namely, hacking, unauthorized monitoring, data alteration, system interference, computer content-related offences, cyberstalking, financial cybercrimes, ransomware, misuse of devices, and intellectual property infringements (including cybersquatting). Even with regard to these universally frowned upon activities, there is not universal consensus that these activities should be criminalized, and, where there is consensus, on how or to what extent. Such is particularly true of content-related offences. For the purposes of the Toolkit, however, a broad net is cast.

As there is consensus on the appropriate delineation or categorization of cybercrimes—especially where they have substantial “offline” activities—, it is often difficult to determine which legislative provisions should govern ICT-related criminal conduct. Moreover, even in instances where the behavior is considered both undesirable and illegal, it is not always clear that cyber law is the appropriate governing law, as the Silk Road case shows.<sup>5U</sup> Those difficulties are particularly exacerbated on the international stage, especially when trying to create cooperation among law enforcement agencies.

# Procedural Issues

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## Introduction

Information security issues are global in nature. However, while cybercrime is transnational, the means of investigating and prosecuting crimes is territorially defined, and often defined quite locally. In addition to tools and training, investigators require appropriate investigative powers and procedural instruments in order to identify offenders and collect evidence. While these measures may not necessarily be cyber-specific, the possibility of offenders acting remotely from the locus of the victim means that cybercrime investigations are very frequently conducted differently from traditional ones.

In looking at the procedural issues<sup>TH</sup> surrounding the search and seizure of in cyberspace, this section considers how to **(I)** adapt traditional search and seizure techniques to the digital world, **(II)** the role that third parties play in evidence collection, and **(III)** the implications of technological developments, notably that of cloud computing, for evidence collection and in creating jurisdictional conflicts.

## I. Adapting Search and Seizure to The Digital World

In cybercrime, just as in traditional crimes, crucial incriminating evidence is often found during search and seizure operations. Existing search and seizure procedures can be **(A)** adapted to cybercrime searches and seizures, but must also be **(B)** limited according to the principles of relevance and effectiveness, which **(C)** states have done in varying ways. However, while

technological developments have made more work for investigators, **(D)** advanced forensic tools can be used as means of identifying relevant digital evidence.

## A. Adapting Existing Procedures

While reaching consensus on issues of substantive law is a complicated matter, the difficulties multiply when the discussion turns to procedural law.<sup>IN</sup> While the purpose of substantive law is to define the extent of rights and duties, the purpose of procedural law is to regulate the administrative proceedings that provide access to those substantive rights and responsibilities. As the idiom goes, “the devil is in the detail,” and, correspondingly, added complications arise when defining procedural matters as opposed to substantive ones because, while there may be agreement on the underlying right, how that right is accessed, and what precludes it, requires a greater degree of accord. Moreover, the ever-evolving nature of cybercrime requires that procedural law, just as with substantive law, keep pace with new abuses.<sup>EX</sup>

The challenge is setting regulation that permits rapid transactions around the world but which relies upon local legal and investigative instruments. Moreover, the swift pace of technological development and the difficulties this poses for designing, updating, and disseminating effective technical security measures complicate procedural matters in a way that is not necessarily problematic for substantive law. As discussed further on, arrangements at the international level might overcome many of these procedural barriers (see [sections III.A and III.B](#), below). In the short-to-medium term, cybercrime countermeasures will need to build upon, or at least take into account, existing national and regional efforts to combat cybercrime and terrorism.<sup>PU</sup>

## B. Delimiting Searching and Seizing Digital Evidence

Search and seizure procedures play a critical role in securing evidence necessary to proving culpability. An active mode of investigation, search and seizure involves discovering evidence, identifying suspects, apprehending offenders and interviewing witnesses. Investigating cybercrime requires different techniques, not only because of the cross-jurisdictional nature of cybercrime<sup>FO</sup> (see [section I.B](#), above), but also due to the very nature of cyberspace and of digital evidence<sup>MO</sup> (see [section II.D](#), below).

The traditional approach focuses on collecting and cataloging physical material. Due to rapid developments in cyberspace, however, most evidence, though stored on physical devices, exists only in a digital format. Legal authority and best practices for executing search and seizure warrants varies considerably between jurisdictions and criminal justice systems, especially with regard to rules governing handling electronic evidence.<sup>JA</sup> As such, it is incumbent upon investigators to consider the appropriateness of previewing and forensically acquiring data at the scene and whether the circumstances may justify physically seizing equipment for further analysis in a

laboratory.<sup>CL</sup> Retrieving such information requires augmented investigatory approaches, as well as different evidence-handling techniques.<sup>UN</sup>

The first major procedural issue in pursuing cybercrimes is legislative: procedural law must be changed or adapted to authorize investigators to search and seize computer information, and not only tangible evidence.<sup>CO</sup> Computer information, or data,<sup>SU</sup> is information that is either stored in a storage device, or which is in transit across virtual networks. First responders investigating cybercrime frequently seize all relevant devices.<sup>RE</sup> However, as the storage capacity of ICT devices has grown—and continues to grow—exponentially,<sup>RE2</sup> and as the nature of digital documents continues to diversify, much of the information stored on any given device is ordinary business material or private information lacking any investigatory relevance. This trend<sup>LA</sup> is exacerbated by the increasing device capacities<sup>WI</sup> and the falling costs of digital as opposed to physical storage.<sup>GI</sup>

The principles of relevance and effectiveness are of great importance for the admissibility of digital evidence.<sup>MA</sup> Indiscriminate or arbitrary search and seizure techniques risk being excessively intrusive. Since the data is not the device itself, and since much of the information on the device is not relevant to the investigation, the device itself should not be seized unless the warrant describes, with particularity, that such is what agents should search for and seize.<sup>US</sup> Computer hardware should only be seized if it itself is contraband, evidence, fruits, or instrumentalities of crime<sup>IN</sup> (in which case the warrant should describe the hardware itself).<sup>SU2</sup> If, by contrast, the probable cause relates only to information, then warrant should describe the information to be seized, and then request the authority to seize the information in whatever form it may be stored (whether electronic or not).<sup>IB</sup> Agents seizing hardware should explain clearly in the supporting affidavit that they intend to search the computer for evidence and/or contraband after seizure and removal from the site of the search. <sup>IB</sup> Indeed, indiscriminately seizing devices would be the equivalent of entering an investigation scene and seizing everything without any consideration of what was seized. By contrast, even if the warrant does not describe hardware itself, identification of a device's IP address and separate email address linked to same physical location may be sufficient.<sup>UN</sup>

### Case 1: Korean Teachers & Education Workers' Union (2009Mo1190)(Korea)<sup>SU</sup>

Korean investigators executed a warrant of search and seizure upon the headquarters of the Korean Teachers & Education Workers' Union, removing ICT devices containing huge amounts of digital information back to their police offices, where they made copies of the files for subsequent search and analysis. The Court held that the action was allowed, as the quantity of data amounted—over 8,000 files—to exceptional circumstances justifying such removal, even though there was no explicit ground under the warrant for doing so, and as investigators made an effort to “to limit the scope of their investigation to those parts bearing relevance to the charged crimes by copying only those files which had been accessed after a retroactively determined point of time”, with the parties implicitly agreeing



on the appropriateness of such measures.<sup>IB2</sup>

The Court held that, “In principle, a warrant of search and seizure for digital information must be executed by collecting only parts related to the suspected facts for which the warrant has been issued [...] In cases where circumstances on the site where the warrant is to be executed make it impossible or remarkably difficult to carry out the warrant in this manner, exceptions can be made to allow the storage media itself to be carried off-site [...] when the warrant expressly grants for search and seizure to be performed in this manner and when such circumstances exist.”<sup>IB3</sup> The Court continued that the subsequent searching and analyzing of digital information must be “must also be seen as a part of executing the warrant.”<sup>IB4</sup> Moreover, where investigators seize ICT devices containing private information extending beyond information pertaining to the suspected facts, the parties “are continuously guaranteed the right of participation in the process” and not only must “no viewing or copying of the storage media is performed without [their] involvement,” but investigators must assure that “proper measures are taken to prevent files or documents from arbitrary copying or from distortion, misuse or abuse of the digital information.”<sup>IB5</sup>

In effect, the ballooning of persons’ digital footprints means that the data—not the devices—should be screened and searched. While there may be certain circumstances where the device itself may be seized—for instance, in order to restore deleted data, to recover encrypted data, or to conduct detailed analyses—, in principle, the relevant data should be extracted from the storage device, and the device itself left on site. Doing otherwise may exceed the scope specified in the search warrant, and might be an infringement of fundamental rights. Prior to commencing a search, investigators should ensure that they abide by applicable laws or risk having seized exhibits declared inadmissible at trial;<sup>BR</sup> identifying and selecting relevant hardware has become a major part of an investigation.<sup>RJ</sup>

Indeed, while the proverbial “smoking gun” might be found in a subsequent review of seized information, that information may be excluded as illegally obtained evidence.<sup>VA</sup> In the context of electronic information, illegally obtained information is usually information that was obtained by seizing more than what was specified in the warrant—for instance, if the warrant specifies data and the device was (also) seized. Thus, while investigators may rely on a subsequent review of the collected evidence, the threat of exclusion of that information as evidence operates as a check on investigatory abuse.<sup>WE</sup>

## C. Examples of Good Practice

A considerable number of countries have prescribed—through legislation, regulation or court decisions—the scope of searches of digital information. For instance, in the United States, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure—drafted, issued and approved by the federal judiciary<sup>TH</sup>—

note the nuance between device and data stored on that device, stipulating that a warrant must say whether it is authorizing “the seizure of electronic storage media or the seizure or copying of electronically stored information.”<sup>RU</sup> The rule continues by saying that, “[u]nless otherwise specified, the warrant authorizes a later review of the media or information consistent with the warrant” and that “[t]he time for executing the warrant [...] refers to the seizure or on-site copying of the media or information, and not to any later off-site copying or review.”<sup>IB</sup> The notes to the Rules prepared by the Advisory Committee make it clear that, unless the warrant explicitly specifies otherwise, the initial search done at the time of seizure need not be more than cursory, with evidentiary reliance being placed on the subsequent review of the seized or copied materials.<sup>UN</sup>

**The Supreme Court of the Republic of Korea has taken a similar position to that of the United States, stating that**

“[i]n principle, illegally obtained evidence is not admissible and accordingly, such evidence cannot be used as an evidence to prove guilt of the criminal defendant.”

**The Court went on to say that**

“[i]n order to render a final determination of admissibility of illegally obtained seized item, comprehensive consideration should be given to the issue of whether or not violation made by investigative agencies impedes substantial contents of due process by taking into account following factors including 1) the substances and degrees of investigative agency’s violations, 2) the intention of investigative agency, 3) natures and the extent of the infringement of rights or legal interests protected by procedure rules, and so on.”

**Case 2: 2011Do10508 (Korea)<sup>SU</sup>**

Korean law enforcement agents searched the offices of Company A on suspicion of tariff evasion by lowering unit cost for importation, seizing documents and electronic data. In the process for the search and seizure, documents and electronic data pertaining to Company B—not specified in the warrant—were also seized. On the basis of the seized information, Company B was subsequently charged after it was confirmed that Company B had evaded tariffs in the same manner as Company A based.

The Supreme Court of Korea subsequently excluded the evidence on the basis that, first, the evidence was not collected in accordance with the procedures as set forth in the Constitution

and Criminal Procedure Act, and, second, the secondary evidence failed to follow legal procedures for the protection of fundamental human rights: in principle, the Court ruled, secondary evidence cannot be admitted as evidence to prove guilt. The Court provided that “Documents and electronic data relating to Company B which were seized, along with seizure of those pertaining to Company A, were neither the object to be seized as stipulated by a search and seizure warrant nor related to the facts of suspicion.”

The Court further censured the investigators lack of discrimination between data and device, noting that “[a]fter moving the storage device itself into the office of the investigative agency, and then investigating the electronic information related to facts of suspicion, either the process of printing the concerned electronic information into documents or the process of copying the files included in the execution of a search and seizure warrant. In this case, the object of the document-printing process or file-copying process should be confined to the part related to facts of suspicion as specified in the warrant.”

By contrast, some countries have cited the successful extension of general search and seizures powers. South African representatives, for example, reported favorably on its Criminal Procedure Act, which, though not specifically making provision for the seizure of digital evidence, allowed authorities to seize “anything.”<sup>UN</sup> Other countries also reported that it was good practice for investigative powers relating to computers and other devices to “extend to all crimes and not just traditional computer crimes,” and that relevant procedural laws should be both “comprehensive” and “precise.”<sup>IB</sup> While such general extensions of power may be warranted and possibly even advisable, it bears noting that judicial oversight to strike disallow evidence obtained as a result of overly-broad search under more general principles should still be assured and authorized.

## D. Techniques for Identifying Relevant Digital Evidence

An analysis of available hardware components can, for example, prove that the suspect’s computer was capable of carrying out a denial-of-service attack or is equipped with a chip that prevents manipulations of the operating system. Hardware analysis can also be necessary in the process of identifying a suspect. However, hardware analysis does not always mean focusing on physical components attached to a computer system. Most operating systems keep logs of hardware that was attached to a computer system during an operation.<sup>NO</sup> Based on the entries in log files such as the Windows Registry, forensic examiners can even identify hardware that was used in the past but was not present during the search and seizure procedure. In addition to hardware analysis, software analysis is a regular task in cybercrime investigations.

Software tools can be installed to match the functioning of computer systems to the demand of the user. Forensic experts can analyze the functioning of software tools in order to prove that a suspect was capable of committing a specific crime. An inventory of software tools installed on the suspect’s computer can also help to design further investigation strategies. If, for example, the investigators

find encryption software or tools used to delete files securely, they can specifically search for encrypted or deleted evidence.<sup>SU</sup> Investigators can also determine the functions of computer viruses or other forms of malicious software and reconstruct software-operation processes.<sup>VA</sup> In some cases, where illegal content has been found on suspects' computers, the suspects have claimed that they did not download the files but that it must have been done by computer virus. In such cases, forensic investigations can try to identify malicious software installed on the computer system and determine its functions. Similar investigations can be carried out if a computer system could have been infected and turned into part of a botnet.<sup>BO</sup>

Software analysis can also be important to determine if software is produced solely for committing crimes or can be used for legitimate as well as illegal purposes (dual use). This differentiation can be relevant, insofar as some countries limit criminalization of the production of illegal devices to those that are either solely or primarily designed to commit crimes. Data-related investigations are not confined to the software function, but also include analysis of non-executable files such as pdf-documents or video files. File analysis also includes the examination of digital documents that might have been forged<sup>SU</sup> as well as metadata investigation.<sup>SU2</sup> Such analysis can determine the timeRE the document was last opened or modified.<sup>CA</sup> Furthermore, metadata analysis can be used to identify the author of a file containing a threatening message, or the serial number of the camera that was used to produce a child-pornography image. Authors can also be identified based on linguistic analysis, which can assist in determining if the suspect has written articles before and left information that can help identification in this context.<sup>CH</sup>

As investigators must focus on relevant evidence in order to prevent inadmissibility, special attention must be given identifying relevant evidence,<sup>SU3</sup> meaning that forensic experts play an important role in the design of investigation strategies and the selection of relevant evidence. They can, for example, determine the location of relevant evidence on large storage systems. This enables investigators to limit the scope of the investigation to those parts of the computer infrastructure that are relevant for the investigation and avoid inappropriate and large-scale seizure of computer hardware.<sup>FO</sup> This selection process is relevant as various types of storage devices are available that can make identification of the storage location of relevant evidence challenging.<sup>SU4</sup> This is especially valid if the suspect is not storing information locally but uses means of remote storage. Forensic analysis can then be used to determine if remote-storage services were used.<sup>SU5</sup>

Identification of relevant digital information is not confined to files themselves. Databases of software tools that are made available by operating systems to quickly identify files might contain relevant information too. Another example of evidence identification is the involvement of forensic experts in determining the right procedural instruments. A number of countries enable law-enforcement agencies to carry out two types of real-time observation – the collection of traffic data in real time, and the interception of content data in real time. In general, the interception of content data is more intrusive than the collection of traffic data. Forensic experts can determine whether the collection of traffic data is sufficient to prove the committing of a crime, and thereby help investigators to strike the right balance between the need to collect effective evidence and

the obligation to protect the rights of the suspect by choosing the least intensive instrument out of the group of equally effect options. Both examples show that the role of forensic investigators is not restricted to the technical aspects of an investigation, but includes a responsibility for protecting the suspect's fundamental rights and thereby avoiding inadmissibility of the evidence collected.

## II. Collecting Evidence with the Assistance of Third Parties

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To obtain cybercrime evidence, collaborating with third parties, such as internet service providers (ISPs), is vital, as considerable amounts of evidence of cybercriminal activity are stored in information systems managed by third parties. In order to prevent law enforcement from overstepping its powers in such data acquisition, it is important to clearly define what type of information might be acquired, as well as the procedures for requesting and, if necessary, compelling third parties to release that information. It is important to realize that not all data is the same, and, as such, that there may be varying degrees of potential privacy considerations, for example. It is also important to distinguish between areas where voluntary cooperation may be appropriate as opposed to situations where third parties are compelled to cooperate with law enforcement. Both are discussed below.

Three different classes of stored communication should be differentiated: (a) subscriber information, (b) communication records or logs, and (c) communication content. Subscriber information is relatively basic, pertaining to identifying information such as the subscriber's name, contact, and payment details. Such information is typically needed by investigative authorities in order to make requests to obtain warrants and other public requests. The second class of data, communication records or logs are more detailed, and includes IP address(es) of device(s) used by person under investigation, time of transmitting and receiving electric communications, data volume, communication ports, protocol information, and the like. As acquiring this information is a significantly greater infringement of privacy, the law should clearly define and delineate both the scope of communication records that might be acquired and the procedures for doing so. Typically, court orders are issued on the basis of "reasonable grounds" showing that the communication record is relevant to the investigation in progress. Moreover, it is frequently required that, upon completion of the investigation or the prosecution, the investigative agency notify the investigated party of the data acquisition. That much said, in some countries, notification must be made prior to data acquisition if the communication record is collected by a court order rather than a search and seizure warrant. As communication content, the final type of third-party stored communication, is the most sensitive form of communications, a search and seizure warrant is invariably required, meaning that the request must make a showing that the desired information is necessary to clarify the "probable cause" relating the object of the search and crime.

Cooperation with the private sector, discussed further on, is an essential element to combatting cybercrime (see [section VI.F](#), below). Although a matter of greater discussion further on, it bears

noting that ISPs, in particular, potentially play an especially important role in many cybercrime investigation as, in many cases they have the technical capability to detect and prevent crimes and to support law-enforcement agencies. That assistance is especially relevant in connection with identifying suspects. Obligations discussed range from the mandatory implementation of prevention technology to voluntary support of investigations.<sup>FO</sup> Cooperation between law-enforcement agencies and ISPs requires the application of certain procedures.<sup>CA</sup>

One example is the forensic tool CIPAV (Computer and Internet Protocol Address Verifier), which was used in the United States to identify a suspect who had been using anonymous communication services.<sup>FB</sup> Another example of cooperation between ISPs and investigators is email investigation. Emails have become a very popular means of communication.<sup>GU</sup> To avoid identification, offenders sometimes use free email addresses which they were able to register using fake personal information. However, even in this case, examination of header information<sup>FO</sup> and log-files of the email provider will in some instances enable identification of the suspect. The need to cooperate and communicate with providers is not limited to ISPs. Since some crimes such as phishing<sup>TH</sup> and the commercial distribution of child pornography include financial transactions, one strategy to identify the offender is to obtain data from financial institutions involved in the transactions.<sup>SU</sup> In Germany, for example, investigators worked with credit-card companies to analyze and identify customers who had purchased child pornography on a specific website.<sup>FO2</sup> Such investigations are more challenging when anonymous payment methods are used,<sup>GO</sup> such as Bitcoins.<sup>IS</sup>

Law enforcement often require third-parties to provide communications in real-time. Such is particularly true where there are indications of imminent perpetration or harm, especially in cases of terrorism, and where real-time collection may offer critical evidence. Furthermore, some information can only be captured in real-time as it is never stored (instead existing only in the “cloud”). The communication record (the second class of information) can be had in real-time by monitoring current IP addresses of transmitters and receivers, thereby helping to geolocate suspects. Such information might also be helpful in figuring out party relationships in crimes in progress. More dramatically, real-time communication content (the third class of information) can be intercepted with the assistance of third parties. Because of the sensitive nature of both the information, and the manner in which it is being acquired, the law should specify not only the appropriate requirements and procedures for such requests by law enforcement, but also which offenses are subject to interception. Typically, a court’s approval is required, with the requirements for an interception warrant being stricter than those for a seizure warrant. Due to the sensitivity of such requests, numerous cases where it is impossible to secure communications data, even where there are legitimate reasons, exist.<sup>CO</sup>

Lastly, law enforcement may also require the assistance of third parties in preserving data. Information stored by service providers can easily disappear: intentional deletion by subscribers, withdrawal of services by subscribers, or automatic deletion policy of service providers are but a few of the ways in which this information can disappear. In order to prevent such evidence loss, measures for preserving data after detecting a link between the data and crimes must be put in place. Data preservation is based on the initiation of a compulsory procedure, therein allowing investigators to obtain the desired data.

## III. Cloud Computing

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Cloud computing is the use of a network of remote servers hosted on the internet rather than a local server or a personal computer to store, manage, and process data. Evolving cyberspace technologies—especially cloud computing—result in both **(A)** technological complications to search and seizures, as well as more serious **(B)** jurisdictional complications.

### A. Technological Complications to Search and Seizures

Due to the flexibility that cloud computing offers users to rent data storage, software, and network broadband for services ranging from web-mail to data storage, the practice has become increasingly common. Cloud computing is yet another example of how ever-changing cyberspace capabilities and usages require the legal framework to change and adapt—in this case moving away from the traditional, and now no longer relevant, concept “of the place to be seized.” In cloud computing environments, data subject to search and seizure can be expanded to include information stored in a remote location by a cloud computing service provider.

Cloud computing also allows for so-called “virtualization” technology. Virtualization creates virtual computing resources by combining various resources of computers physically existing in different physical locations. Using this technique, data stored by cloud computing users appears to be stored in a virtualized storage device; in fact, that data is very frequently fragmented and stored among multiple physical servers. As such, it may not be possible to identify a physical location for the data. Where a service provider utilizes a foreign cloud data center (e.g., Amazon Web Services), the data frequently resides in a country other than where the service provider is registered.

Notwithstanding the fact that data might be fragmented and stored in several servers, and identical copies may co-exist simultaneously in different places, it is often possible to retrieve that data intact by relying on service providers’ control of the cloud service mechanism. As such, in a spin on traditional understandings, the user’s account together with the name and the headquarter address of the cloud service provider is designated as the “place” subjected to search and seizure rather than a physical location. The U.S. Department of Justice has provided examples of how a search and seizure warrant against an email account might be prepared.<sup>SE</sup> Consequently, the execution of a search and seizure warrant in cloud computing environments depends on service providers that control the locations and methods for data storage. The execution of a search and seizure warrant in cloud computing environments is conducted by when law enforcement present the warrant to service providers. Execution of a search and seizure warrant in cloud computing environments can be compared to general forms of search and seizure that require direct participation of investigative authorities.

An account in the cloud subjected to search and seizure may be designated differently depending on the internet source used by the offenders: for instance, if webmail is used, the mail account is



designated as the one to be seized; when a web drive is used, the URL address is designated for seizure; if web hosting servers are being used, then those IP addresses are selected for seizure.

## B. Jurisdictional Complications to Search and Seizures

While the developing technology complicates procedural aspects of search and seizure, more fundamental issues arise over jurisdictional conflicts. Although the question of jurisdiction is discussed in greater depth hereafter (see [section II.E](#), below), it bears raising the topics here specifically with regard to procedural matters. Cloud computing has particularly complicated matters from a jurisdictional standpoint, as many cloud service providers have centers around the world; as a result, jurisdictional disputes between the country where cloud service providers are registered and those where data is stored is growing. Moreover, data is frequently fragmented, with parts and pieces not only in various places but in various countries. Once these logistical, storage issues are coupled with issues of data privacy (see [section IV.A](#), below), these jurisdictional conflicts cause intense disputes.

### Case 3: Microsoft Corp. v. United States (“Microsoft Ireland”)<sup>MI</sup>

In connection with the provision of its email and cloud-based services, Microsoft required its subscribers to provide certain location information when requesting email and other services. That information was stored in data centers proximate to location identified by the subscriber. Much of the metadata related to such subscribers (with the exception of certain communication content data) was stored in the United States.

In December 2013, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York issued a search warrant on Microsoft authorizing to U.S. law enforcement authorities investigating drug trafficking operations to obtain communication data of users that had their data stored in datacenters outside the United States. Microsoft entered a motion to quash the warrant, claiming that the communication content of the concerned email accounts was stored in a data center located in Ireland, arguing that such communication content is beyond the scope of the warrant.

On 25 April 2014, the U.S. Magistrate Judge issued an order denying Microsoft’s motion to vacate the warrant, holding that “an ISP located in the United States would be obligated to respond to a warrant issued pursuant to Section 2703(a) [of the U.S. Stored Communications Act (SCA)]<sup>18</sup> by producing information within its control, regardless of where that information was stored.”<sup>JA</sup> On 31 July 2014, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York affirmed the Magistrate’s Order.<sup>LO</sup> Microsoft appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

The case quickly became a hotly contested one. Private sector entities (including AT&T, Apple, and Cisco) raised concerns that the warrant would have to their business environments in amicus curiae briefs; and digital rights groups said it would have been an unwarranted intrusion.

On July 14, 2016, a three judge appellate panel ruled in favor of Microsoft, concluding that Congress did not intend that a warrant issued under the SCA to have any extra-territorial effect. The Government has petitioned for a rehearing en banc.

## Conclusion

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Traditional search and seizure procedures focus on the collection of physical evidence. However, digital evidence has different properties, requiring different search and seizure approaches, which must be dictated by the legal framework. Careful attention must be paid to creating procedures that accommodate the difference between digital information and digital storage devices, and which respect fundamental rights, notably the right to privacy, by limiting the scope of the search and seizure, as prescribed by the warrant. In many jurisdictions, judicial bodies have been attentive to excluding information as evidence of guilt where it has been illegally gathered as beyond the scope of the warrant.

Third parties are often essential to the collection of evidence. In order to collect communication data managed by third party (e.g., subscriber information, communication records, communication content), and to do so in real-time, appropriate procedures need to be implemented directing those parties to offer technical and administrative support to law enforcement. Moreover, ISPs not only store subscribers' data but also have their own technologies and metadata that are of value to law enforcement. Procedures obliging ISPs to cooperate with law enforcement should be based on (1) the classification of requests for data preservation; (2) the acquisition of the stored communication data; and (3) the real-time collection of communication data. Provisions guaranteeing ISPs exemptions from both civil and criminal liabilities that could arise out of third parties' provision of data should accompany such procedures. Procedures obliging ISPs to cooperate must also strike an appropriate balance between respects fundamental rights and which considers cyberspace's rapidly evolving nature. Rapid technological advancements, notably cloud computing, make create an ever-evolving technological morass through which law enforcement must seek to navigate. The development of cloud computing requires also a legal development with respect to the procedures for search and seizure. Moreover, even once technological obstructions have been surmounted, jurisdictional ones often persist given the disparate physical that support the existence of cyberspace; such issues require an ever-greater push to create a shared, international consensus, if not a single vision. As discussed further on (see [section V](#), below), it is important to establish corresponding procedural safeguards to protect personal data and privacy rights, as well as to the define limits of procedural powers utilized to investigate cybercrime and to gather electronic evidence.

# Evidentiary Issues

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## Introduction

Due to the legal tenet of the presumption of innocence—*ei incumbit probatio qui dicit, non qui negat*<sup>A</sup>—, the burden of proof lays with the prosecuting authorities.<sup>SE</sup> That burden is met by proffering sufficient evidence to meet the requisite standard of proof (*e.g.*, beyond reasonable doubt; clear and convincing evidence; preponderance of the evidence). Cybercrime being governed by criminal law, the standard of proof is higher than in either administrative or civil proceedings.

Regardless of the type of case, or of the nature of the allegation in question, the case will be decided by the trier of fact based as much upon the authenticity, integrity and the reliability as the quality of the evidence. This section **(I)** explores how best to assure the authenticity, integrity and reliability of digital evidence, before turning to **(II)** understanding the “hearsay” rule as it applies to digital evidence.

## I. Computer Forensics

Computer forensics is not only necessary to establishing the appropriate proceedings by which cybercrimes are investigated (see [section II.C.](#) above), but also necessary to the collection of digital evidence. To enter into such a discussion, it is important to consider **(A)** the nature of digital evidence and **(B)** the nature of the corpus of law of evidence. On the basis of that understanding, **(C)** the role of computer forensics can be discussed.

## A. The Nature of Digital Evidence

As with so much in cyberspace and cybercrime, there is no single definition of a term “digital” or “electronic” evidence. For purposes of the Toolkit, the term will be used to refer to “information stored or transmitted in binary form that may be relied in court.”<sup>NA</sup> Digital evidence is used as a proof of crime in the same way as physical evidence. Indeed, beyond “pure” cybercrimes, the development of cyber services and the widespread supply of ICT devices have led to increased use of digital evidence in prosecuting traditional, physical-world crimes.

Digital information is electronic by definition and by nature, and therefore has a “virtual” and “imaged” existence. As such, and unlike physical evidence, digital information is not “fixed” to a single device, meaning that it can be easily copied and reproduced onto another device without any alteration or loss of information. However, as courts have generally required original evidence when considering physical evidence, and only relatively rarely allow copies to be presented as evidence, the ease and completeness with which digital data might be reproduced and transposed has led to discussions about whether copies might, in fact, be presented as identical to the “original” copy. By and large, it is impractical to present anything other than the copy of the original copy; indeed, as already discussed,<sup>SU</sup> sometimes taking a copy of the original digital data is the only way that investigators can examine the often-vast array of information confronting them.

As digital evidence is effectively an electronic image constructed out of code, it is much more susceptible to alternation than most other physical evidence. Both intentional and unintended alterations might occur if vigilance is not assured. As this vulnerability might lead to claims of unreliability, it is especially critical that investigators assure and preserve the authenticity, integrity and reliability of the original copy of digital evidence throughout the chain of custody, from collection through analysis and to submission to the court.

## B. The Law of Evidence

The law of evidence, a procedural body of law, governs how various forms of proof of misdoing are presented and evaluated, typically for presentation at trial.<sup>WE</sup> It consists of rules and procedures governing the proof of a particular set of facts in issue.<sup>UN</sup> Matters of evidence are concerned with presenting evidence supporting both the occurrence of events, the implicated actors thereto. For the purpose of legal proceedings, the concept of electronic evidence may have specific recognition, or it may be admitted as analog evidence, such as in the form of a document, with the meaning of what constitutes a document invariably extending to anything recorded in any form, which must be right.<sup>BR</sup>

From a legal perspective, electronic evidence needs to be: (1) admissible, meaning that it conforms to legal rules; (2) authentic, meaning that the evidence can be shown to be what the proponent claims it is; (3) complete, meaning that it tells the whole story and not just a particular perspective;

(4) reliable, meaning that there is nothing about how the evidence was collected and handled that casts doubt about its authenticity and veracity; and (5) credible, meaning that it is believable and understandable by a court.<sup>BR2</sup>

From a legal perspective, digital evidence can be defined not only on the basis of what it is—that is, as the legal object constituted by data expressed in electronic format, as defined above—, but also as a construct—that is, the representation of facts or acts legally relevant to the matter and conducted by electronic means. Regardless of which aspect is considered, technical and legal analysis is required in order to show how the evidence was obtained, as well as how to interpret it and show how it pertains to the criminal matter.

## C. Computer Forensics

Computer forensics plays an essential role in both **(1)** investigating cybercrime and **(2)** identifying, collecting and preserving evidence.

### 1. Investigating Cybercrime

Investigating a cybercrime may involve invasive surveillance, as followed up by search and seizure activity by law enforcement.<sup>OH</sup> Prior to any search and seizure, however, investigations typically begin by proving that the suspect had the ability to commit the crime. Although surveillance of suspects can reveal a great deal—for instance, establishing the requisite know-how, or observing unusually heavy volumes of data traffic to a computer that incriminates the alleged perpetrator<sup>IN</sup>—, those initial suspicions and circumstantial evidence must be corroborated.

Regardless of the crime, traces of the perpetrator and how the crime was committed are left behind.<sup>FO</sup> Forensics is the use of scientific tests or techniques in connection with the detection of crime.<sup>OX</sup> Computer forensics refers to the systematic collection of data and analysis of computer technology and information with the purpose of searching for digital evidence.<sup>SU</sup> Generally utilized after the commission of the crime,<sup>VA</sup> computer forensics is a major part of cybercrime investigation. Indeed, its centrality to the investigation's success emphasizes the need for training and capacity building in this area, as well as the sharing of resources and of information.<sup>IN</sup> While forensic techniques in traditional crimes typically rely upon physical evidence—DNA, splatter patterns, chemical analysis<sup>10</sup>—computer forensic techniques rely upon a variety of digital sources—emails, connection logs, and various metadata<sup>FO</sup>—, each of which present their own unique challenges.<sup>HA</sup>

Computer evidence comes in a variety of forms and can be found in a variety of places. Regardless of the location of that evidence—be it on a perpetrator's hard drive, in the records of a third party provider (such as an ISP), or in fragments scattered around the world (such as in cloud computing)—, procedures are required for gaining access. As already discussed, traditional search and seizure procedures already in existence must be adapted to make the accommodate

the novelties of cybercrime investigations (see [section II.C.](#), above). Following search and seizure, forensic experts are required to examine not only hardware and software but also the various and sundry metadata.<sup>RU</sup>

## 2. Identifying, Collecting and Preserving Evidence

Collecting digital evidence requires diverse and complex technical skills. For instance, techniques for accessing and retrieving evidence stored on hard drives differs drastically from those required to intercept data being transmitted.<sup>SU</sup> Moreover, time is often of the essence, both due to the fragility of the evidence, and given the immediacy of actions taken in cyberspace, often requiring quick decision-making off of investigators. For instance, a common question is whether investigators should shut down a running computer system. There are reasons for going in either direction: for instance, shutting down the system might be necessary in order to prevent alteration of digital information and thereby preserve the integrity of relevant digital evidence.<sup>NO</sup> That said, “pulling the plug” may actually result in the loss of other evidence, such as temporary files that require programs, applications or internet connections to be maintained and kept running or operating. However, power disruption can activate encryption,<sup>RE</sup> thereby hindering access to stored data,<sup>RE2</sup> and, if the appropriate security is put in place, possibly even resulting in the subsequent destruction of digital information. Additionally, even after the decision has been reached, the appropriate investigative procedures must be followed.

First responders, who undertake the first steps to collect digital evidence, bear a significant responsibility for the entire investigation process, as any wrong decision can have a major impact on the ability to preserve relevant evidence.<sup>NO</sup> If they make wrong decisions on preservation, important traces may be lost. Forensic experts need to ensure that all relevant evidence is identified.<sup>VA</sup> Doing as much is often difficult, with various tricks employed by offenders, such as hiding files in separate storage device or scattered across the cloud in order to prevent law enforcement from finding and analyzing their contents. Forensic investigators are essential to identifying hidden files and to making them accessible.<sup>VA2</sup>

Forensic investigators are similarly needed for recovering deleted or destroyed digital information.<sup>MO</sup> Files that are deleted by simply placing them in a virtual trash bin—even if “emptied”—do not necessarily render them unavailable to law enforcement, as they may be recovered using special forensic software tools.<sup>LA</sup> However, if offenders are using tools to ensure that files are securely deleted by overwriting the information, recovery is in general not possible.<sup>GO</sup> Encryption technology is another common means of hindering investigations.<sup>CO</sup> Such technology is not only increasingly common, but increasingly effective.<sup>CA</sup> The situation is a delicate one, for while encryption technology prevents law-enforcement agencies from accessing and examining often-critical information,<sup>GO2</sup> that very same technology is increasingly central to sustaining many of the things that societies around the world have come to consider as normal and necessary to daily life.<sup>VI</sup>

Forensic experts can try to decrypt encrypted files.<sup>5I</sup> If this is not possible, they can support law-enforcement agencies in developing strategies to gain access to encrypted files, for example by using a key logger.<sup>1B</sup> Involvement in the collection of evidence includes the evaluation and implementation of new instruments. International cooperative efforts are particularly important in this regard.<sup>1N</sup> One example of a new approach is the debate on remote forensic tools.<sup>RE</sup> Remote forensic tools enable investigators to collect evidence remotely in real time<sup>KE</sup> or to remotely monitor a suspect's activity<sup>VA</sup> without the suspect being aware of investigations on his system. Where such tools are available, they can, on a case-by-case basis, play a decisive role in determining the best strategy for collecting digital evidence.

## II. Assuring Authenticity, Integrity, and Reliability

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Having considered the nature of digital evidence and of computer forensics, the authenticity, integrity and reliability of the evidence needs to be assured by looking at **(A)** good practices for handling digital evidence, and **(B)** specific instances of the application of those practices.

### A. Good Practices for Handling Digital Evidence

Good practices for handling digital evidence begin with **(1)** the development of a thorough and uniform forensic expert training program who alone handle digital evidence, and **(2)** the creation of a nation-wide, digital-evidence management system, the integrity of which is assured through copying techniques (taught in the training program).

#### 1. Forensic Expert Training Program

The two most important examples of good practices for handling digital evidence are developing training programs for investigators and experts on techniques for identifying, handling and analyzing digital evidence. As with physical evidence, the authenticity, integrity, and reliability of digital evidence can best be assured by giving due attention to (1) the examiner's expertise, (2) the reliability of tools and equipment, and (3) the setting standardized procedures and guidelines.

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- 1 First, law enforcement should assure a specialized training and certification process for digital forensic examiners, and restrict the handling of any digital evidence to such examiners.** The approach might mirror that taken in the training of forensic scientists dealing with the physical evidence of a crime scene.<sup>AB</sup> The procedural expertise of the examiner serves as a basis for inferring that the evidence has been handled with care, thereby assuring the integrity of the process—namely, that damage is avoided, alteration or manipulation prevented, and the outcome of the analysis verified. While courts do not generally require



any specific training, certification, or years of experience, a certain level is necessary to assure expertise. Moreover, just as with other certifications, recertification or continuing training courses are advisable.

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**2 Second, the collection and analysis of digital evidence requires the use of a variety of tools and equipment.** Using widely-recognized tools (e.g., software) and equipment<sup>KE</sup> helps to warrant evidentiary reliability, and facilitates reexamination of evidence by outside experts. In addition to using such tools and equipment, however, standards exist for testing these forensic tools and equipment. A number of institutions can inspect ICT forensic tools and equipment. For instance, the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) provides standard testing methods for computer forensic tools and equipment through its Computer Forensics Tool Testing (CFTT) program.<sup>NA</sup> Similar processes exist for the testing of other scientific equipment.

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**3 Third, and lastly, standardized procedures and guidelines should be prepared and shared with anyone who might have cause to handle digital evidence.** Doing so creates a set, dependable methodology and approach, thereby helping protect against arbitrary handling of evidence. These rules should address handling of evidence at all stages of custody.

## 2. Digital-Evidence Management System and Copying Techniques

One of the greatest challenges related to digital evidence is the fact that it is highly fragile and can rather easily be deleted<sup>MO</sup> or modified.<sup>CA</sup> One consequence of its fragility is the need to maintain its integrity.<sup>HO</sup> Case records are therefore required. In addition to training and qualifying experts in how to handle evidence, those experts should also be trained in the production of case records.<sup>WH</sup> There are substantial advantages to storing those records should in a central, online digital evidence management system that is accessible to certain, qualified law enforcement from around the country, if not world. Such a facility could be particularly important for storing data acquired in incidences where the seizure of hardware is impossible, inadequate or inappropriate, and where investigators have been permitted to copy files. That said, in addition to being difficult to roll-out to users beyond the capital, central systems can create high-profile targets and may represent a security vulnerability. Additionally, special attention needs to be paid to not only protecting the integrity of copied files against any kind of alteration during the copy process,<sup>RE</sup> but also in the uploading process.

In incidences devices and their original files are not taken into custody, and copies are made of those files, careful attention must be paid to assuring protocols for copying and uploading data for storage and analysis. Methods called “imaging” and “hash value generation” are used in demonstrating the authenticity of digital evidence. Imaging works in one of two ways, both of which rely upon the creation of a copied “image” of the digital evidence: either (i) by copying the

digital data stored in an ICT device to create an image file using the bit streaming-method;<sup>TH</sup> or (ii) by producing a logic image file after selecting the files that are to be seized. Imaging allows investigators to preserve the authenticity of the image files be analyzed, as the data included in the files is not subject to change during the subsequent analysis.

Hash value generation works on the same logic of replicating the evidence in order to have a duplicate version to compare, understand, and analyze. However, rather than taking a duplicate image of the data, this technique relies on a file's so-called "hash value": much like a person's finger print or retinal image, the hash value is unique and inherent to each file. Therefore, reproducing the hash value reproduces the evidence. In a sort of cloning process, that hash value, which is derived from a hash algorithm, can be replicated along with the to-be analyzed file. As files that have the same hash value are regarded the same, the digital evidence is preserved by creating a copy.

Imaging and hash value generation are both generally included in the digital evidence collection toolkit and used for on-site evidence collection. With replicas of the data in hand, investigators are then able to establish authenticity by imaging the seized ICT device itself. Veracity can be ascertained on-the-spot: the selected files are logic-imaged, their hash values generated, and then the values produced compared with the hash values of the original evidence. That on-site verification is later submitted to the court.

## B. Examples of Good Practices

Working along the lines of the good practices discussed above, the Supreme Prosecutors' Office of the Republic of Korea has established a **(1)** forensic expert training program and **(2)** centralized digital-evidence management system.

### 1. The KSPO's Forensic Expert Training Program

A number of law enforcement agencies offer training programs not only for their ICT forensic experts but for any who might have cause to interact with digital evidence. One such example is the six-month digital Forensic Expert Training Program offered by the Korean Supreme Prosecutor's Office (KSPO). An esteemed and competitive process, the KSPO selects a few trainees from a pool of regular investigators. Trainees receive three months of basic digital forensic training and another three months of on-the-job training in actual digital forensic divisions. Investigators who complete this six-month program are certified as "digital forensic investigators" and are subsequently placed in digital forensic divisions to collect and analyze digital evidence. As discussed above, the KSPO's program creates national uniformity and standardization of guidance, protocols, and procedures, thereby helping to assure and convince the court of the authenticity, integrity, and the reliability of digital evidence.

The Rule on the Collection and Analysis of Evidence by Digital Forensic Investigator is the KSPO's standard set of guidelines.<sup>RE</sup> The Rule not only lays out the qualifications for becoming a digital forensic investigator are laid out, but also regulates procedure for on the crime scene, setting down protocols for who is in charge of collecting and analyzing digital evidence, as well as articulating digital evidence search-and-seizure procedures, and data registration and management procedures for working with the Evidence Management System. The establishment of not only general guidelines, but also concrete protocols and procedures make the KSPO's Rule an excellent example of best practices that go far towards protecting the authenticity, integrity, and reliability of digital evidence.

## 2. Centralized Digital-Evidence Management System

Just as physical evidence collected by law enforcement is stored in a secured repository (often referred to as an "evidence room"), so, too, ought digital evidence to be securely stored in a central management system. Moreover, as digital evidence can be uploaded from multiple terminals, and even from various ICT devices, and as the limitations inherent to analogous physical evidence do not apply, digital evidence might—and should—be stored in one single, online repository, rather than the several disparate "evidence rooms."

The KSPO does as much, operating D-Net, its centralized, online evidence management system. Investigators register evidence collected from search-and-seizure and the results of conducted analysis directly into D-Net's central server. The system chronicles, registers, and conserves the entire process. As such, D-Net preserves the entire chain of custody with respect to not only the digital evidence itself and its life cycle—collection, analysis, submission and disposal—but also work product. Crucially, it also allows for an established and secure means of timely data disposal.

## III. Prosecution and Presentation

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The investigation comes to a close with the presentation of evidence in court.<sup>SU</sup> While presentation is customarily undertaken by prosecutors, forensic experts can play an important role in criminal proceedings as expert witnesses capable of assisting the triers of law and of fact to understand the evidence-collection procedures undertaken and the nature of the evidence subsequently generated.<sup>VA</sup> Given the complexity of digital evidence, there is an increasing need to involve forensic experts.<sup>TA</sup>

Although computer forensics deals to a large degree with computer hardware and computer data, it is not necessarily an automated process; indeed, while some processes, such as the search for suspicious keywords or the recovery of deleted files can be automated using special forensic analysis tools,<sup>VA</sup> the vast majority of computer forensic examinations remains to a large extent manual work.<sup>RU</sup> Such is especially true with regard to the development of strategies and the search

for possible evidence within search and seizure procedures. The amount of time necessary for such manual operations and the ability of offenders to automate their attacks underline the challenges that law enforcement faces, especially in investigations involving a large number of suspects and large data volumes, especially when further complicated by cross-border activities.<sup>GO</sup>

## IV. The “Hearsay” Rule in Cybercrime

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Some countries, such as the United Kingdom and Belgium, have special laws governing digital evidence that cover admissibility and authenticity of digital evidence.<sup>UN</sup> In other countries, such as the United States and the Republic of Korea, “traditional” rules of evidence (i.e., the “hearsay rule”) may be extended and applied.<sup>IB</sup> The “hearsay” rule takes on a special form in cybercrime.

### A. The “Hearsay” Rule

The hearsay rule is the basic evidentiary rule that assertions made by those outside of the court, and such derivative evidence, are generally inadmissible<sup>JO</sup>; one of the most accepted legal definitions is “a statement not made in oral evidence in the proceedings that is evidence of any matter stated”.<sup>UN2</sup> The rule has its origins in the notion that the trier of fact could only receive an objective, unbiased presentation of evidence if both sides have the same opportunity to confront the source of information (that is, through cross-examination).<sup>IB2</sup> As such, the evidentiary value rests on the credibility of the out-of-court asserter.<sup>CH</sup> Essentially, the rule forbids notions of overheard evidence—that is, someone’s testifying, “I heard him/her tell (or heard say) that....”<sup>KO</sup>

Due to the confrontational style increasingly favored in the common law tradition, as opposed to the so-called “inquisitorial” style of the civil law tradition, the hearsay rule has a greater presence and bearing in the former tradition, with the civil law system being “far more receptive to derivative evidence generally.”<sup>JE</sup>

### B. Korea’s Treatment of the Hearsay Rule

The admissibility and authenticity of the electromagnetic record that forms digital evidence may be questioned if its printed form is submitted as evidence into courts. In some countries that do not have written regulations on these matters (e.g., the Republic of Korea), their supreme courts may render decisions or judicial interpretations to address these issues. Such issues include the applicability of hearsay rule to determine authenticity and admissibility of such evidence.<sup>JU</sup>

### Case 1: Decision 99Do2317 (3 Sep. 1999)<sup>FU</sup>

The Supreme Court of the Republic of Korea has decided that the general hearsay rule, outlined in the Korean Criminal Procedural Law, does in fact apply to the authenticity and admissibility of digital evidence.<sup>FO</sup> Applied to digital evidence, the rule was herein used to preclude the introduction as evidence of printed forms of digital files (e.g., electronic documents; emails) saved in computers, servers, or other storage devices. Although underscoring that a digitized document “is only different in terms of such document’s recording media” and not “in substance [...] significantly different” from a printed document containing the statements, the Court nonetheless excluded the presentation of the printed material out of concern for “the possibility of manipulation during the storage and printing process”. As such, and with “no guarantee for cross-examination,” the Court ruled that “the hearsay rule applies to authenticity of the content of a document recorded in digital files,” and that, “under Article 313 (1) of the Criminal Procedure Act, it is admissible as evidence only when the writers (or “the drafters”) or the declarants (or “the staters”) statement authenticates it.”<sup>SU</sup>

As with evidence in general, the Court appears to be concerned with assuring the evidentiary chain of custody—that is, its authenticity, integrity, and reliability—and, therefore, a proper showing of the printed page as an authentic representation of the original, digital evidence.

## C. Exceptions to the Hearsay Rule

As with any rule, there are exceptions to the applicability of hearsay rules. Such examples might be implemented through various routes. Korea, which has been used as an example already, has introduced exemptions through both legislative and judicial mechanisms.<sup>SU</sup>

In Korea, the legislative exception is rather limited and constrained. By contrast, the judicial exceptions have been more expansive. In the aforementioned Korean Supreme Court’s decision, a printed version of the digital file was deemed admissible only if its authenticity were established by the testimony of its assertor at a preparatory hearing to during a trial.<sup>IB</sup> In addition to such an exception, the Court has given several other exceptions to the general applicability of the hearsay rule:

- 1 **Digital evidence is not hearsay if digital file itself serves as a direct evidence of the offense.**<sup>FU</sup> For instance, in texted phone messages creating fear or apprehension constitute direct evidence of crime in some countries criminalizing cyberstalking (e.g., Korea);<sup>RE</sup> or child pornography on a computer constitutes a direct evidence of crime in some countries (e.g., U.S.A.).<sup>SU2</sup>

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- 2 **Digital evidence is not hearsay if it is submitted to discredit the truthfulness of a statement, or where it is circumstantial evidence to an indirect fact.** For instance, evidence showing that a certain file was run can be used as circumstantial evidence to indirect facts.<sup>FU2</sup>
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- 3 **Digital evidence that is automatically generated and which does not incorporate any thoughts or emotions is not hearsay.** For instance, network log records, web history, call history, GPS navigation information, file meta-information, etc. are all admissible on a showing of authenticity, integrity, and reliability.<sup>LE</sup>
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## Conclusion

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Investigations must be prepared to turn into prosecutions if they are to have any effect. The evidentiary record, upon which adjudication must turn, being developed out digital evidence, specialized protocols and certifications ought to be developed. It is important that the established procedures, recognize the unique nature of digital evidence, and assure its authenticity, integrity, and reliability. In light of the fragility of digital evidence, law enforcement agencies must look for ways to preserve digital evidence throughout the entirety of the investigatory and prosecution process, from collection, through analysis, and on to submission to court. Only trained and expert personnel, with digital forensic expertise, should handle digital evidence. All personnel should work according to established and standardized guidelines, procedures, and protocols. Reliable, regularly-calibrated, and tested tools and equipment should be used, and all evidence, for the entire chain of custody—collection, analysis, submission and disposal—, should be uploaded to a central, online digital evidence management system.

Consideration should be given as to whether international interoperability could be best facilitated by having an international body dedicated to developing certified training programs, as well as standardized procedures and guidelines. Such a body might be done in much the same way that here are informal international information sharing and coordination centers (see [section III.B](#), below). That body, which, for example, might be housed within INTERPOL<sup>AS</sup> or UNODC,<sup>UN</sup> could serve as a further vehicle for spreading good practices, as well as mitigating if not eschewing certain evidentiary concerns that might arise in cross-jurisdictional matters (see [section II.E](#), below).

In working with digital evidence, it is important to understand how the hearsay rule or similar exclusionary rules of evidence apply, as well as their exceptions. Hearsay rules exclude the admission of evidence that might result bias or preclude the trier of fact's objectivity. However, exceptions to hearsay rules may apply to digital evidence where there is no need to be concerned with bias, notably in the following circumstances: (1) when the digital file itself constitutes direct evidence of a crime; (2) when it is circumstantial evidence to an indirect fact; or (3) when the information automatically generated.

# Jurisdictional Issues

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## Introduction

The inherently transnational and cross-border nature of cybercrime renders investigating cybercrimes and prosecuting cybercriminals much more difficult than traditional crimes, largely due to the unique jurisdictional obstacles. Unlike their physical world analogs, cybercrimes can be committed from virtually anywhere in the world, with attacks directed against targets in virtually any part of the world, and with effects potentially being felt by people the world over. For these reasons, states have found it necessary to reach beyond the territorial tethers that have been traditionally used to define sovereignty. While it is important to make space for the theoretical underpinnings to accordingly adapt to cyberspace, at the same time that increasingly-exerted ability of a targeted state to reach offenders beyond its territory must be balanced with respect for the sovereignty of other states.

Jurisdiction, understood in its basic sense as the official power to make legal decisions and judgments,<sup>ox</sup> is a multi-faceted notion. Fundamentally, a state's jurisdiction is understood as being composed of three different authorities: prescriptive (pertaining to the authority to impose laws); adjudicative (pertaining to the authority to investigate and resolve disputes); and enforceable (pertaining to the power to induce or punish pursuant to its prescriptive authority and subsequent to its adjudicative authority).<sup>kl</sup> Typically, when speaking of a state having jurisdiction, it is with regard to all three of these facets (although, in exercising its authority, a court may apply the laws of another jurisdiction<sup>ba</sup>). Three distinct areas of positive<sup>it</sup> jurisdictional conflicts exist: jurisdiction over the crime, over the evidence, and over the perpetrator.



This section focuses principally on jurisdiction over the crime and then briefly on jurisdiction over the perpetrator. Further discussion of jurisdiction over the perpetrator and jurisdiction over evidence is discussed in sections covering procedural and evidentiary issues,<sup>11</sup> and in those covering the cross-border context.<sup>12</sup> This section discusses (I) traditional understandings jurisdiction and (II) the adaptive principles that have emerged in international law. Thereafter, it turns to consider attempts to overcome jurisdictional issues (III) at the national level, and briefly notes the utility of (IV) international instruments in extending that process.

## I. The Traditional Notion of Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction of a state to criminalize an act has traditionally been based on its sovereign control over the specific territory in question—what is known as the principle of territoriality.<sup>BR</sup> With such territorial control, the state is theoretically in a position to exert jurisdiction in its fullest extent for crimes occurring between people in that space to the exclusion of all other powers: as the German sociologist Max Weber put it, the defining characteristic of the modern state is that it is a “human community that (successfully) claims the monopoly of the legitimate use of physical force within a given territory.”<sup>MA</sup> However, the nature of cyberspace often makes such a facile delineation of jurisdiction exceptionally difficult and even nonsensical due to the inherent mobility, difficulty in proving location and geographic irrelevance in executing cybercrimes. Since a cybercrime can be perpetrated from entirely another country while having substantial effects within another country’s borders, the traditional basis for jurisdiction has become inadequate, if not irrelevant.

### Box 1: Inability to Prosecute Creator of the “Love Bug” Virus

On May 4, 2000, the so-called “Love Bug” virus (duly named because it was spread by opening an email bearing the title of “ILOVEYOU”) rapidly “hopscoched” around the world, affecting some fifty million people, from the Pentagon to the British Parliament, and costing an estimated US\$10 billion worth of damages in a matter of hours.<sup>MA2</sup> The bug was programmed to replace all files with media extensions (images, documents, mp3s, etc.) with copies of itself, and then to send an identical email to all the contacts of a victim’s Outlook address book.<sup>LO</sup>

Law enforcement traced the bug to and identified a Filipino, Onel de Guzman, due to an unusually heavy volume of data traffic to a computer located in the home of de Guzman’s sister. The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and other authorities moved to take action against de Guzman. However, progress and prosecution was stymied by the fact that the Philippines did not, at that time, have laws governing computer crime (attempts were made to prosecute him under theft, but the charges were dropped due to insufficient

evidence).<sup>SU</sup> As such, the extradition treaties were rendered ineffectual due to the requirement of “dual criminality.”

The “Love Bug” shows the limits of traditional notions of jurisdiction in cybercrime: an individual released a destructive antigen into cyberspace, causing damage and deleterious effects in some twenty countries, but, because he was physically located in a jurisdiction that had not criminalized such behavior, no action could be taken by the affected states.

## II. Adaptive Jurisdiction Principles

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Faced with the increasingly limited applicability of the traditional notion of jurisdiction to cybercrime, a series of adaptations have been developed, based principles of **(A)** territoriality, **(B)** active nationality, **(C)** passive nationality, **(D)** protection and **(E)** universality.

### A. Principle of Territoriality

The principle of territoriality, the notion underpinning so much of our understandings of law, and especially for international law,<sup>TH</sup> is the base principle for both traditional claims of jurisdiction, as well as the basis upon which adaptive notions of jurisdiction are built.<sup>AR</sup> The traditional understanding of jurisdiction operates on the basis that the state inherently has jurisdiction over crimes occurring in its territory.<sup>RE</sup>

This principle has been extended to nebulous yet quasi-territorial areas, such as the “high seas,” under the law of the flag (or the flag principle), by which vessels (and those operating them) “possess” the nationality of the flag that borne by the vessel<sup>SU2</sup> (or where it is registered),<sup>IB</sup> and thus that state has jurisdiction.<sup>CO</sup>

The principle of territoriality has been used in other ways to alter traditional fixed methods and notions. For example, in one celebrated conflicts of law case, a New York court accepted jurisdiction over a tort matter that occurred outside of its territory, but in which both parties were New York residents; more interestingly, the court went on to apply New York law rather than the law of the place of the tort, as traditional rules would have dictated, as the affected interests were in New York.<sup>SU</sup> Similarly, under an adaptive understanding of the principle of territoriality, a cybercrime “initiated” in the territory of one state but launched “at” another state, or made to occur “in,” another state’s territory gives the affected state jurisdiction.<sup>UN</sup>

Another approach to this problem has been to broaden the notion of territoriality to extent to actions occurring in whole or in part in the prosecuting nation’s territory.<sup>19</sup> Such an “occurrence” can be understood to include use of the affected state’s infrastructure. Thus, this approach would

give the state jurisdiction where both<sup>CO</sup> or either victim or perpetrator are physically located in the state when the crime was committed,<sup>IB</sup> or when any part of the crime was committed, planned or facilitated in that country.<sup>CE</sup>

The principle of territoriality remains the principal basis for exerting jurisdiction over cybercrimes. The Budapest Convention, for example, makes it mandatory for signatories to adopt, legislatively or otherwise, all that is necessary for establishing jurisdiction over listed offences committed from within the state's physical territory.<sup>SU2</sup>

## B. Principle of (Active) Nationality

Under the principle of nationality (or of active nationality), a sovereign may regulate the actions of its nationals abroad.<sup>SU3</sup> The principle is most typically invoked when a national commits a crime in a foreign state, and is more commonly found in the civil law tradition than in the common law tradition.<sup>CO2</sup> Under this principle, nationals of a State are obliged to comply with that State's domestic law even when they are outside its territory.<sup>IB2</sup> When a national commits an offence abroad, the State is obliged to have the ability to prosecute if that conduct is also an offence under the law of the State in which it was committed.<sup>IN</sup> In the instance of cybercrime, the principle is often relevant in child pornography cases, where the national attempts to perform the illegal action in a location where it is not a crime with the intent of distributing the subsequent material in his or her home country. The principle has less relevance in cybercrime than in other areas of criminal law as the majority of cybercrimes can be effectuated from the perpetrator's home, while having cross border effects.<sup>SU</sup>

## C. Principle of Passive Nationality

The reciprocal of the principle of active nationality, the principle of passive nationality (or passive personality) applies where the national is victim rather than perpetrator, thereby giving a state jurisdiction over a crime victimizing its national. The principle only takes on relevance when the entirety of the crime has occurred outside of the territory of the state. The principle is a controversial one, as it not only aggressively expands the notion of a state's authority, but, in doing so, also implies that the law of the state with territorial jurisdiction is insufficient to remedy the wrong and to protect the interest of the victimized national.<sup>SU2</sup>

### Case 1: LICRA v. Yahoo!<sup>LI</sup> (France) and Yahoo! v. LICRA (United States)<sup>YA</sup>

Plaintiffs, La Ligue contre le Racisme et l'Antisemitisme ("LICRA") and Union des Étudiants Juifs de France ("UEJF"), brought a civil action against French and American arms of

Yahoo! over an internet auction of Nazi-period memorabilia under French criminal law, which prohibits the “wear[ing] or exhibit[ing]” of Nazi paraphernalia.<sup>AR</sup> The French court of first instance ruled that there were sufficient links with France to give it full jurisdiction, and enjoined Yahoo! to take all necessary measures to dissuade and prevent French users from accessing the material in question<sup>SU3</sup>—in other words, from blocking access to the online auction. Although the competence of the French court was challenged and appealed in France, the original decision was upheld. Separate criminal proceedings in France were dismissed and defendants acquitted on all charges, a verdict that was upheld on appeal. Following the French court decisions, Yahoo! brought suit in the United States, asking that the French judgment be deemed without effect in the United States.<sup>YA2</sup> The U.S. district court instead found that the French court’s decision was inconsistent with U.S. constitutional guarantees of freedom of expression; however, the U.S. court of appeals reversed and remanded, with directions to dismiss the action on the divided basis of lack of ripeness and of personal jurisdiction.<sup>SU</sup>

## D. Protective Principle

The protective principle (also called the “security principle” and “injured forum theory”) is triggered when the crime—effectuated from beyond the state’s territory—affects not just a national of the State, but a national security interest (domestic or international), such as the proper functioning of the government, or threatening security as a state.<sup>AR</sup> It is closely related to competition law’s effects doctrine (or, as it is also termed, the implementation test),<sup>DG</sup> which stipulates that where the economic effects of the anticompetitive conduct experienced on the domestic market are substantial, the affected state might exert jurisdiction over foreign offenders and foreign conduct.<sup>JP</sup> However, unlike both the effects doctrine and other forms of extraterritorial jurisdiction, the protective principle is not performed in an *ad hoc*, case-by-case fashion, but is instead used as the basis for adopting statutes criminalizing extraterritorial behavior without regard to where or by whom the act is committed.<sup>18</sup> In the instance of the protective principle, neither perpetrator, nor victim, nor the implicated infrastructure are necessarily within the State. Such a tenuous, even weak, connection to the acting State, as well as to the significant,<sup>SU2</sup> often (at least partially) preemptive nature of the intrusion upon the sovereignty of the other State, makes extraterritorial exertions jurisdiction based on this principle particularly controversial, and, as a result, probably the least used theory for sanctioning jurisdiction.<sup>AR</sup>

## E. Principle of Universal Jurisdiction

The principle of universal jurisdiction applies to specific crimes, but requires international—or universal—consensus: this principle recognizes a sovereign’s right to adopt criminal laws restricting

the behavior, regardless of who commits it, or where it is committed, insofar as restricting that conduct is recognized by nations as being of universal concern.<sup>FR</sup> Piracy on the high seas, regarded as one of the first international crimes, is a classic example.<sup>PH</sup> Its use in cybercrime is limited because of the lack of consensus.<sup>SU</sup> However, some states have extended universality to include certain cybercrimes such as in Germany where the criminal code expands the ability to prosecute all crimes of child pornography.<sup>SU2</sup>

### III. National Frameworks

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Regardless of whether international instruments are used to mitigate jurisdictional issues, national legal frameworks might be crafted so as to facilitate cooperation. There are two means for a State to implement the above principles: either by **(A)** formally legislatively authorizing adaptive jurisdictional definitions, or **(B)** relying on investigatory agencies to build relations—of varying degrees of formality—with their counterparts in other states. Both options allow for faster response to concerns and protection of evidence.

#### A. Adaptive Legislative Jurisdictional Definitions

The first method that states might use to facilitate processes for obtaining jurisdiction over cybercrimes occurring beyond their territory is to legislatively authorize adaptive jurisdictional definitions discussed above.<sup>SU3</sup> Doing so formally extends the State's legal understanding of what constitutes criminal acts, even if conducted beyond that State's territory. In effect, it also puts would-be perpetrators on notice.

One such example of this approach is Australia's Criminal Code Act of 1995.<sup>AR</sup> The Act's coverage of jurisdiction begins by building a broad basis of territorial jurisdiction ("standard geographical jurisdiction").<sup>IB</sup> The Act provides four different classifications and situations authorizing Australian authorities with jurisdiction over a crime occurring beyond its territory ("extended geographical jurisdiction").<sup>IB2</sup> Furthermore, the Act stipulates that subsequent criminal legislation is to include a section stating what jurisdictional prescriptions apply.<sup>SU4</sup> By so legislating, Australia has acted "openly and notoriously," proclaiming to the world that it is at least entitled to exert jurisdiction beyond the immediate geographical borders.

#### B. Informal Cooperation

Additionally, or alternatively, States and authorities might address jurisdictional issues on a case-by-case basis by through informal understandings and shared experiences of cooperation. Such is most typically done by law enforcement working directly with counterparts in other States, therein

in building bonds. Doing so often results in faster responses to requests for information sharing. That need is heightened at the investigatory stage, as authorities typically need to work quickly to prevent tampering or destruction of evidence; as already discussed, such is especially important for cybercrime. Informal cooperation is most common when dealing with child pornography and trafficking cases.

In order for this informal cooperation to be successful, trust must be built up over time through cooperation and personal ties. The U.S. Department of Justice Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) has put forth a policy encouraging and fostering such bonds to be formed.<sup>UR</sup> Responsible for implementing Department of Justice national strategies for combatting cyber and intellectual property crimes, CCIPS “prevents, investigates, and prosecutes computer crimes by working with other government agencies, the private sector, academic institutions, and foreign counterparts.”<sup>AB</sup> To this effect, CCIPS initiates and participates in international efforts.<sup>IB</sup> The matter of informal international cooperation is addressed in greater depth further on (see [section III.B](#), below).

It bears noting that such bonds—the basic currency of diplomacy—need not be built exclusively by working on jurisdictional or even investigatory matters, but also through exchanges, shared trainings, and other periodic interactions. For instance, the world marveled at the successful agreement that the United States and Iran managed to reach in securing the release of ten U.S. sailors captured by Iran after they strayed into its territorial waters: the smooth resolution to a potentially fraught incident was attributed to the open communications channels that had been established during negotiations over Iran’s nuclear program.<sup>KA</sup> The personal connections that Secretary of State John F. Kerry and Foreign Minister Javad Zarif had established allowed them to speak directly at least five times over a ten hour period.<sup>JA</sup>

Even where formal instruments of international cooperation such as MLATs exist, informal cooperation is often essential to the successful investigation and prosecution of cybercrime. Major cases frequently affect more than one country—for example, when administrators of website selling stolen credit cards are arrested. In such cases, several States may be in a position to exert jurisdiction. However, weighing the particularities and appropriateness is often beyond the scope or the means of MLATs. For instance, rather than take on the matter directly, the Budapest Convention simply provides that, if appropriate, countries consult with each other to decide which State should assert jurisdiction.<sup>SU</sup> At such a crossroads, informal developed understandings and relationships often play a larger role in determining the expediency with which matters proceed. Indeed, when more than one country is interested in a case, law authorities of the affected States will already be collaborating before any turning point, such as an arrest, is reached. Thus, even if several countries could claim jurisdiction, there may in fact be no dispute. These informal cooperative arrangements are often the best milieu for considering which and whether targets will be tried in one country or another (perhaps on the basis of which sentences are traditionally heavier), or on the order in which prosecution and sentencing will occur. To date, there have been only occasional disputes about jurisdiction.

## IV. Multilateral Instruments

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Where cybercriminal matters are concerned, negotiated multilateral instruments—rather than the afore-discussed jurisdictional theories—are the most effective and important means of establishing extra-territorial jurisdiction. International instruments are essential to combatting cybercrime as jurisdictional issues arise frequently in all forms. As such, international cooperation is crucial to building effective, comprehensive legal frameworks to combat cybercrime. While international cooperation comes in various forms, the two most common forms are mutual legal assistance treaties (MLATs) and extradition treaties, both of which are discussed in greater depth further on (see [section III.A](#), below). It bears noting that the issue of convergence of legislation is highly relevant, as a large number of countries base their mutual legal assistance regime on the principle of dual criminality.<sup>DU</sup>

## Conclusion

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Although there are a number of offences that can be prosecuted anywhere in the world, regional differences play an important role. Cybercrime offenses cannot be properly prosecuted within the confines of traditional understandings of jurisdiction. Due to the transnational nature of cybercrimes, States need to create means for investigating and prosecuting offenses which target or affect them and which occur, or which are launched, from beyond their borders. Such begins by developing comprehensive national legal frameworks. However, jurisdictional extensions meet, and therefore must balance with, the sovereignty of other States. A diversity of legal bases exists for exerting jurisdiction, the most important of which is the territorial principle and adaptive notions.<sup>FO</sup>

To best deal with the jurisdictional issues arising from cybercrimes, States need to both develop inclusive definitions of jurisdiction and work on furthering international cooperation in investigations and prosecutions. Increasing reliance on MLATs and on extradition treaties will assist such a process, but those international instruments can only have full effect insofar as Parties develop adaptive legal national frameworks. Indeed, the biggest obstacle to prosecuting cybercrimes is the dual criminality requirement. As the dual criminality requirement is important on many levels, international cooperation is needed so that similar cybercriminal legislation—at least on what constitutes cybercrime offenses—is implemented.

It bears noting that establishing jurisdiction over the crime opens the door to other issues. A State having acted formally through legislation to extend its jurisdictional ambit is confronted by two subsequent challenges: first, as already discussed, that of acquiring personal jurisdiction over the perpetrator; and, second, that of having sufficient capacity to investigate the crime, a matter that is significantly complicated by the belief that the crime occurred beyond its own territory. Both of these complications are best addressed by developing not only further formal levels of cooperation, but also through informal ones.



# Institutional Framework

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## Introduction

As discussed,<sup>SU</sup> effectively fighting cybercrime begins by creating a legal framework, which begins with effective legislation and subsequent executive action. That framework must create space for private public partnerships, and increase public awareness.

Building upon the basis of that legal framework, the fight against cybercrime requires an institutional framework that allows for inputs and communications between and among both national and international groups and agencies, and which provides at least a base of commonality for policies, procedures, and processes.

This section addresses some good practices to building institutional frameworks to combat cybercrime by **(I)** creating a national cybersecurity strategy for safely structuring, shaping, and developing cyberspace, and by **(II)** dealing with how to most effectively organize authorities charged with various and often overlapping aspects cyberspace.

## I. National Cybersecurity Strategy

There is a strong global trend towards developing national cybersecurity strategies, with some thirty-eight countries across the globe already having established their own strategies.<sup>EN</sup> As such, there is now substantial guidance—from both national and international sources—for those countries looking to create and tailor a national cybersecurity strategy to fit their own unique circumstances and exigencies. This section looks at **(A)** various aspects that go into forming a comprehensive and effective national cybersecurity strategy, and **(B)** considers an example of good practice.

## A. Creating a National Cybersecurity Strategy

National cybersecurity strategies are approaches that help a nation to mobilize and orchestrate its resources to efficiently and understand itself and what cyberspace means to it. An effective national cybersecurity strategy is cross-dimensional and cross-cutting, speaking on questions of policy, cybersecurity's larger societal place, and the nature of that society. It is typically aspirational and propositional, requiring subsequent implementation. It comprehensively touches upon all of the diverse factors pertaining to national cybersecurity, such as specialized investigative units, increasing general institutional capacity, coordinating various agencies, supporting knowledge-sharing and operational exchanges and raising public awareness of cyber threats and how they might best prevent incidents, as well as limit proliferation, thereby facilitating prompt recovery. Countermeasures to cybercrimes might also be discussed. It creates a broad, strategic framework by which relevant government agencies can carry out national policies, thereby implementing a nationally consistent and systematic cybersecurity policy.

The national cybersecurity strategy should be both inward and outward looking. The strategy must consider how best to mobilize and coordinate diverse and disparate internal actors, ranging from law enforcement agencies to those involved in the nation's infrastructure (e.g., power grid, roads, dams). Doing as much demands cooperation among all parties, private and public. For instance, one of the reasons that the alleged U.S. cyberattack on North Korea failed (in contrast to the Stuxnet cyberattack launched against Iran)<sup>ST</sup> was North Korea's severe internet and communications isolation, as well as the utter secrecy imposed by the regime.<sup>JO</sup> The situation is highlighted as indicative of the fact that securing cyberspace requires more than increased activity by law enforcement, and not in order to advocate for the severe, dictatorial measures imposed by the North Korean government. At the same time, national cybersecurity strategies must also be outward looking, and be prepared with sufficient flexibility to facilitate collaboration with other national and international institutions. These strategies must be capable of cooperating with both formal and informal international inputs.

Part of the strategy should have an office serving as a "control tower" role, both for implementing and monitoring the strategy's implementation, as well as for carrying on operations thereafter. Such a centralized office is particularly important for coordinating among the diverse actors. This office is crucial to effectively should bringing together all of the diverse elements that might be implicated in fighting cybercrime; while space for improvisation should be allowed, those elements should be laid out in the national cybersecurity strategy itself, rather than being left in an ad hoc fashion to the office. To facilitate and build momentum, a timeline is typically included.

## B. An Example of Good Practice

The United Kingdom's Cybersecurity Strategy, published on 25 November 2011, provides an example of good practice in developing a national cybersecurity strategy.<sup>TH</sup> The Strategy begins

broadly, being introduced as “set[ting] out how the UK will support economic prosperity, protect national security and safeguard the public’s way of life by building a more trusted and resilient digital environment.”<sup>CY</sup>

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**The Strategy proceeds by setting out its *raison d’être* in four large and basic goals that implementation is hoped to accomplish:**

- 1 Tackling cybercrime, thereby making Britain one of the most secure places in the world to do business in cyberspace
- 2 Increasing cyberattack resilience, thereby increasing the Britain’s ability to protect interests in cyberspace
- 3 Helping shape and open-up cyberspace, thereby making it a stable and vibrant space in which the public can safely operate, therein contributing to an open society
- 4 Creating the cross-cutting knowledge, skills, and capability needed to underpin cybersecurity at large

These four, overarching goals—intended to deliver the Strategy’s vision of “a vibrant, resilient and secure cyberspace”<sup>CA</sup>—are divided into fifty-seven discreet, manageable tasks covering a full range of issues, including strengthening law enforcement agencies, examining current laws, sharing information on cyber threats, adopting new procedures for responding to cyber incidents, and strengthening international cooperation.<sup>CA2</sup> Each task was assigned to one of the following six agencies in charge of the Strategy’s implementation: the Home Office,<sup>TH</sup> the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS),<sup>DE</sup> the Department for Culture, Media and Sport,<sup>DE2</sup> the Cabinet Office,<sup>CA3</sup> the Ministry of Defence,<sup>MI</sup> and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).<sup>FO</sup> The Strategy’s publication in 2011 led to a four-year implementation period. Momentum was maintained through annual progress reports, with the Cabinet Office’s Office of Cyber Security and Information (“OCSI”) operating as the appraisal and management center.<sup>SU</sup> At a cost of GBP 860 to date,<sup>CA4</sup> and with the government having committed a further GBP 1.9 billion over the next 5 years to cybersecurity,<sup>SU2</sup> the Strategy is a robust commitment.

## II. Organizing Agencies

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Just like the physical world, safely structuring, shaping, and developing cyberspace so that all might benefit requires the input of a diversity of actors. As such activity often results in overlapping competencies and authorities, it is important for nations develop an institutional framework by **(A)** laying out a comprehensive national cybersecurity strategy that addresses the vast array of cyberspace issues, and by **(B)** facilitating knowledge sharing among the actors, such as through the creation of joint task forces.

## A. Dealing Overlapping Authorities

A comprehensive national cybersecurity strategy goes beyond cybercrime and cybersecurity, encompassing a variety of cyberspace issues. It should discuss and develop not only the country's larger vision and policy issues, but also should explore approaches to promoting ICT development, implementing regulations on the misuse of technology, finding solutions to privacy concerns, and developing of investigative and prosecutorial procedures. Due to the cross-cutting nature of cyberspace and of such concerns, various government agencies and offices necessarily handle these issues. While each agency should, in accordance with its own mandate, carry out its own tasks, a timeline and plan for coordinating efforts and facilitated inter-agency cooperation is crucial to effective strategy implementation.

Broadly speaking, the development of cyberspace can be divided into four areas: (1) ICT policies (e.g., regulation, development); (2) cybersecurity (e.g., infringements, certifications); (3) user protection (e.g., protecting privacy, personal information); and (4) cybercrime (e.g., combatting, investigating, prosecuting). In mapping responsibilities, it is important that agency roles and responsibilities be assigned clearly. Doing so will allow for the discreet handling of issues, therein avoiding confusion and overlap, as well as facilitating resources allocation and nurturing development of expertise. Furthermore, the institutional framework should support the legislative and executive mandates created under the legal framework, appropriately assigning specific roles to various agencies. In order for the overall institutional framework to function properly, it is essential that involved agencies constantly engage in self-critical evaluation procedures, as supported and supervised by a central, "control tower" office. An essential part of this process depends upon appropriate feedback loops that the central office must consider. An example of the clear assigning of tasks can be found in the United Kingdom, as discussed above; a more detailed consideration of the Korean experience follows:

**Table 1: Relevant Cyberspace Laws and Administering Agencies**

Categories	Agencies in Charge	Relevant Statutes
Information Communications Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning</li><li>■ Korea Communications Commission</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection</li><li>■ Digital Signature Act</li><li>■ Act on the Protection, Use, etc., of Location Information</li><li>■ Telecommunications Business Act</li></ul>
Cybersecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning (for the private sector)</li><li>■ KrCERT</li><li>■ National Intelligence Service (for the public sector)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Act on the Protection of Information and Communications Infrastructure</li><li>■ Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection</li></ul>

Categories	Agencies in Charge	Relevant Statutes
User Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Ministry of Interior</li> <li>■ Korea Communications Commission</li> <li>■ Financial Services Commission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Personal Information Protection Act</li> <li>■ Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection</li> <li>■ Special Act on Refund of Amount of Damage Caused by Telecommunications Bank Fraud</li> </ul>
Cybercrime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ National Police Agency</li> <li>■ Prosecutor's Office</li> <li>■ Ministry of Justice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Criminal Act</li> <li>■ Criminal Procedure Act</li> <li>■ Protection of Communications Secrets Act</li> </ul>

As the above table indicates, various acts and agencies play a role in regulating cyberspace. For example, the Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection ("APICNU"), a major statute in Korea's information communications sector, has as its purpose "to promote the utilization of information and communications networks, to protect the personal information of users utilizing information and communications services, and to build a safe and sound environment for the information and communications networks in order to improve the citizen's lives and enhance the public welfare."<sup>AR</sup> The two competent authorities for this Act are the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning (MSIP) and the Korea Communications Commission (KCC). MSIP mainly deals with facilitating utilization of ICT and maintaining cybersecurity in the private sector, while KCC is in charge of regulating the telecommunications business and protecting personal information in the information communications network. However, while MSIP and KCC are the major institutional players, for certain violations, APICNU provides criminal sanctions, the triggering of which shifts authority away from MSIP and KCC to those agencies generally charged with investigative and prosecutorial roles.

Power sharing schemes similar to that of the APICNU exist both in most of the other Korean laws, as well as in the laws of many other nations. As such, it is all the more important that both a clear institutional framework and a targeted national cybersecurity strategy developed, with competencies and responsibilities being clearly assigned and delineated on the basis of the legal framework.

## B. Knowledge Sharing & Joint Task Forces

Knowledge sharing is a key corollary to any power-sharing scheme, regardless of how formal or informal. Just as a certain degree of flexibility and imprecision should be left in the law in order to accommodate the fast-paced and ever-evolving nature of cybercrime, it is also important that assignments of power not be excessively limiting, and that appropriate inter-agency and inter-

departmental communication plans and paths be opened and employed. While the cybersecurity “control tower” office can facilitate information sharing, it is important that each agency realizes and acts on the understanding that information on threats can come through different routes, thereby facilitating investigation, prosecution, and overall threat detection.

One way of connecting various agencies is through joint investigative task forces. In forming joint task forces, each participating agency assigns contact officers to the joint task force. In certain cases, those officers may even be seated in the same physical location or otherwise obliged to maintain frequent contact, and may even jointly participate in criminal investigations. A joint task force might be organized on a temporary basis in order to resolve a particular case, or established on a more permanent basis. In any case, longer-term arrangements that open up regular channels of communications, and which encourage direct and frequent interactions between agency point persons are helpful in developing a continuous cooperative system between the agencies.

Joint task forces are used by a number of countries. For instance, in the United States, the Department of Justice has organized the National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force (NCIJTF) under the purview of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Division, while the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has organized the Electronic Crimes Task Forces (ECTFs) under the auspices of the Secret Service.<sup>UN</sup> Formed in 2008, the NCIJTF is the primary U.S. agency responsible for coordinating cyber threats investigations and liaisons among the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and National Security Agency (NSA).<sup>MI</sup> The ECTFs, originally created in New York in 1996 to combine the resources of academia, the private sector, and local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in combating computer-based threats to the nation’s financial payment systems and critical infrastructures<sup>TH</sup>, was expanded by legislative action<sup>10</sup> to create a nationwide network (with two offices abroad) that focuses on identifying and locating international cyber criminals connected to cyber intrusions, bank fraud, data breaches, and other computer-related crimes.<sup>CO</sup>

The Korean Supreme Prosecutor Office (KSPO) established the Joint Personal Information Investigation Team (JPIIT) in April 2014 following the theft of extremely sensitive personal data—including identification numbers, addresses, and credit card numbers, which affected over twenty million South Koreans equaling roughly forty percent of the population.<sup>SO</sup> While the massive breach on Target Corporation was due to malware on point-of-sale systems,<sup>SU</sup> the Korean banks were compromised by a third-party worker; facts that underscore the wide variety of threats facing consumers.<sup>SU2</sup> JPIIT is composed of personnel from eighteen different groups, eleven of which are government agencies and six of which come from the private sector. Different types of tasks are assigned to different agencies. For instance, private actors deal with collecting and analyzing illegal personal information (the Online Privacy Association (OPA), communications companies, portal companies). The Korean Internet and Security Agency (KISA) deals with infringements. The Ministry of the Interior deals with inspecting personal information security. The Korean Supreme Prosecutor Office and the National Police Agency handle investigations and prosecution. The National Tax

Service addresses recovery of criminal proceeds. The Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MOSF), the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning (MSIP) and the Personal Information Protection Commission (PIPC) address the improvement of policy and regulation. Supervising communications business by the Financial Services Commission (FSC) and the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS) in the finance sector, and by MSIP and the Korea Communications Commission (KCC) in the ICT sector.

Crucially, JPIIT sits with the High-Tech Crimes Investigation Division 1 of the Seoul Central District Prosecutor's Office. As this Division is charged with investigating cybercrimes, joint task force directly and indirectly participate in cybercriminal investigations, should matters escalate to such a level. The participation of a diversity of actors, and the intense degree of information sharing between them, facilitates management of tasks pertaining to personal information, be it the prevention and monitoring personal information crimes, to investigation and prosecution, to the recovery of criminal proceeds. Because JPIIT operates at the case intake point, members can immediately report to their respective agencies upon encountering an issue that falls under their particular group's purview.

Private sector actors play a crucial role in JPIIT by collecting various types of illegally distributed personal information from their regular business operations and handing them over to law enforcement agencies. In so doing, the methods in which cybercriminals use the information system is better understood and directly reported to law enforcement, thereby facilitating repair of vulnerabilities at the earliest possible stage.

## Conclusion

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Countries are increasingly establishing national cybersecurity strategies as part of their institutional frameworks. Doing so facilitates a robust, organized, and structured response to insecurity in cyberspace. These strategies contribute to mobilizing government action—by eliciting wider agency participation, facilitating capacity building and knowledge sharing, and helping to assure consistent implementation of cybersecurity policies—, while also facilitating public awareness and engagement. Strategy implementation can be facilitated and accelerates by designating an office to manage and periodically assess progress.

The institutional framework should take a holistic approach to dealing with cyberspace. As so many divergent actors are required to safely structure, shape, and develop cyberspace for everyone's benefit, it is vital to share accumulated information and expertise. Joint investigative task forces that bring together relevant actors: agencies involved in systems' administration, as well as investigatory and prosecutorial proceedings, need to be brought together on a regular basis. Space should also be made to periodically bring key private sector actors, such as data privacy groups and Internet service providers (ISPs), to the table.



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SU2 *Supra* note 11.

GE See, generally Appendix C.

AS As indicated in Annex 3, 196 countries are targeted. As of 2 Oct. 2015, approximately 76.0% (149 countries) have domestic law that comprehensively or partially governs cybercrime irrespective of having draft law on cybercrime. Specifically, 137 countries adopted domestic law that holistically or partly covers cybercrime, and another 12 countries had or have a draft law that deals with cybercrime, along with having other laws that address cybercrime. Further, 12 countries had or have a draft cybercrime law in progress. However, 33 countries have no domestic legislation pertaining to cybercrime, while 2 countries have no data to assess their legislative statuses.

EX Examples of domestic law concerning cybercrime whose name explicitly uses the term "cybercrime" can be found in, among others, Botswana, Cybercrime and Computer Related Crimes, 2007 and Philippines, Cybercrime Prevention Act, (2012).

AL A list of domestic legislation regarding concerning cybercrime whose name provides the term similar to "cybercrime" includes, but is not limited to, Antigua and Barbuda, Electronic Crimes Act, (2013); Sri Lanka, Computer Crime Act, (2007); Bahrain, Law concerning Information Technology Crimes, (2014); and Dominican Republic, Law on High Technology Crimes, (2007).

AR See, e.g., Article 1 of the Oman, Royal Decree Issuing the Cyber Crime Law, (2011) which states that "cybercrime" refers to crimes referred to in this law at [http://www.qcert.org/sites/default/files/public/documents/om-ecrime-issuing\\_the\\_cyber\\_crime\\_eng-2011.pdf](http://www.qcert.org/sites/default/files/public/documents/om-ecrime-issuing_the_cyber_crime_eng-2011.pdf).

AR2 See, e.g., Art.3, Kosovo, Law on Prevention and Fight of the Cyber Crime, (2010), which defines "cybercrime" as a criminal activity carried out in a network that has as objective or as a way of carrying out the crime, misuse of computer systems and computer data at [http://mzhe.rks-gov.net/repository/docs/LIGJIPERPARANDALIMINDHE\\_LUFTIMINE\\_KRIMITKIBERNETIKE2010166-alb2010-166-eng.pdf](http://mzhe.rks-gov.net/repository/docs/LIGJIPERPARANDALIMINDHE_LUFTIMINE_KRIMITKIBERNETIKE2010166-alb2010-166-eng.pdf).

SU *Supra* note 13, at 12.

SU2 *Supra* note 11, at 11.

AR3 Article 1 (a) of the CIS Agreement on Intergovernmental Cooperation in Combating Offences related to Computer Information (2001) provides that "offences against computer information" is defined as a criminal act of which target is computer information. *Supra* note 33. See also the Budapest Convention, *supra* note 12; the African Union Convention, *supra* note 14 and the ECOWAS Directive, *infra* note 70.

AR4 See Art.2, Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the SCO on Cooperation in the Field of International Information Security (2009), at <http://www.ccdcoe.org/sites/default/files/documents/SCO-090616-IISAgreement.pdf>, (considering "information crime" as one of the major threats in the field of ensuring international information security); Annex 1, *id.* (stating that "information crime" means use of and/or attack on information resources in the information space for illegal purposes).

SU3 *Supra* note 12, at 11 to 12.

SC See SCO Agreement, *supra* note 45.

TH See, e.g., the final report published (in English) in 2000 after the Second Meetings of Government Experts on Cybercrime organized by the OAS in 1999 provides that "For the purposes of this diagnosis, "cybercrime" is defined as a criminal activity in which information technology systems (including, *inter alia*, telecommunications and computer systems) are the *corpus delicti* or means of committing an offense." For additional information: Final Report of the Second Meeting of Government Experts on Cyber Crime, (2000), OAS, p. 2, available at [http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/cybGE\\_IIrep.pdf](http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/cybGE_IIrep.pdf) (in English). For example, a concept paper and questionnaire presented at the § 1 (Criminal Law, General Part) of the Preparatory Colloquium for the 20th International Congress of Penal Law on "Information Society and Penal Law" organized by the AIDP in 2012 articulates that "The term "cybercrime" is understood to cover criminal conduct that affects interests associated with the use of information and communication technology (ICT) (*Emphasis Added*) [...]. The common denominator and characteristic feature of all cybercrime offences and cybercrime investigation can be found in their relation to computer systems, computer networks and computer data (*Emphasis Added*) [...]. For additional information, Thomas Weigend, Preparatory Colloquium for the 20th International Congress of Penal Law on "Information Society and Penal Law" (organized by AIDP), § I (Criminal Law, General Part), § 1: Concept paper and questionnaire, (2012), AIDP, p. 1, available at [http://www.penal.org/IMG/pdf/Section\\_I\\_EN.pdf](http://www.penal.org/IMG/pdf/Section_I_EN.pdf).

WA Wall, D.S. "Cybercrimes: New wine, no bottles?," in P. Davies, P. Francis, and V. Jupp (eds.), *Invisible Crimes: Their Victims and their Regulation* (Macmillan, 1999). See also Grabosky, P., "Virtual Criminality: Old Wine in New Bottles?," 10 Social & Legal Studies 243 (2001) (adapting the phrase be more of a matter of "old wine in new bottles"). The

origin of the phrase is Biblical: “No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

<sup>WA2</sup>Walden, I. *Computer Crimes and Digital Investigations* (2d ed.), Oxford University Press, (2016), para. 2.27.

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<sup>SU</sup> *Supra* note 11, at 14-15.

<sup>FO2</sup> For additional information, (1) David Wall, *Policing Cybercrimes: Situating the Public Police in Networks of Security within Cyberspace*, 2007(Revised in 2010), *Police Practice & Research: An International Journal*, pp. 183-205, available at <http://www.cyberdialogue.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/David-Wall-Policing-CyberCrimes.pdf> and (2) Weigend, *supra* note 48.

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<sup>CO</sup> See Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth Network, at <http://www.commonwealthofnations.org/commonwealth/commonwealth-secretariat/>.

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<sup>AR</sup> Art.2, Constitutive Act of the African Union (11 Jul. 2000), available at [http://www.au.int/en/sites/default/files/ConstitutiveAct\\_EN.pdf](http://www.au.int/en/sites/default/files/ConstitutiveAct_EN.pdf).

<sup>AU</sup> See “AU in a Nutshell”, African Union, at <http://www.au.int/en/about/nutshell>.

<sup>IB2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>AF</sup> African Union Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection, EX.CL/846(XV) (27 Jun. 2014), available at [http://pages.au.int/sites/default/files/en\\_AU%20Convention%20on%20CyberSecurity%20Pers%20Data%20Protec%20AUCyC%20adopted%20Malabo.pdf](http://pages.au.int/sites/default/files/en_AU%20Convention%20on%20CyberSecurity%20Pers%20Data%20Protec%20AUCyC%20adopted%20Malabo.pdf). As with the other instruments covered in this section, the AU Convention is discussed as a means of illustrating the diverse ways that cybercrime has been classified. A discussion of various international instruments can be found in § III B.

<sup>IB</sup> *Ibid.*, Electronic Transactions (Art.2-7); Chapter II: Personal Data Protection (Art.8-23); Chapter III: Promoting Cyber Security and Combating Cybercrime (Art.24-38).

<sup>IB2</sup> *ibid.*, including the following offenses: (1) attacks on computer systems (Art.29.1); (2) computerized data breaches (Art.29.2); (3) content related offences (Art.29.3); and (4) offences relating to electronic message security measures (Art.29.4).

<sup>IB3</sup> *Ibid.*, including the following offenses: (1) property offences (Art.30.1); and (2) criminal liability for legal persons (Art.30.2).

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<sup>DI</sup> Directive on Fighting Cyber Crime within Economic Community of West African States, ECOWAS, [hereafter “ECOWAS Directive (2011)”] at <https://ccdcoe.org/sites/default/files/documents/ECOWAS-110819-FightingCybercrime.pdf>.

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and those “adapting certain offences to information and communication technologies” (Art.30), African Union Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection (2014), EX.CL/846(XV), AFRICAN UNION, *supra* note 65, available at <http://pages.au.int/infosoc/cybersecurity>.

<sup>MO</sup> Morris Odhiambo, Rudy Chitiga and Solomon Ebobrah, *The Civil Society Guide to Regional Economic Communities in Africa* (Oxford: African Books Collective Limited, (2016), p. 57.

<sup>AB</sup> See “About UNODC”, UNODC, at <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/about-unodc/index.html?ref=menutop>.

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<sup>AV</sup> Available at [https://www.unodc.org/documents/organized-crime/UNODC\\_CCPCJ\\_EG.4\\_2013/CYBERCRIME\\_STUDY\\_210213.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/organized-crime/UNODC_CCPCJ_EG.4_2013/CYBERCRIME_STUDY_210213.pdf).

<sup>IB</sup> *Ibid.*, at 16.

<sup>UN</sup> UNICRI, “Cybercrime: Risks for the Economy and Enterprises”, available at [http://www.unicri.it/in\\_focus/on/Cybercrime\\_Lucca](http://www.unicri.it/in_focus/on/Cybercrime_Lucca).

<sup>MI</sup> See “Michele Socco – European Commission, Fight against Cybercrime: a European perspective” presented at the UNICRI roundtable on “Cybercrime and the risks for economy and enterprises” (2013). See also, *supra* note 52, at 29.

<sup>OU</sup> See “Our member States,” Council of Europe, at <http://www.coe.int/en/web/about-us/our-member-states>.

<sup>IB2</sup> *Ibid.*, see “About Us,” at <https://www.coe.int/web/about-us/who-we-are>.

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<sup>IB3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>IB4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>SU</sup> See “Summary”, Details of COE Treaty No.185, at <https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/185>.

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<sup>IB</sup> *Ibid.*, including the following offenses: (1)

computer-related forgery (art.7); and (2) Computer-related fraud (art.8).

IB2 *Ibid.*, at Art.9.

IB3 *Ibid.*, at Art.10.

IB4 *Ibid.*, at Art.12.

IB5 *Ibid.*, at Art.13.

SU3 *Supra* note 2, at 5.

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## Referenced in: Criminalized Conduct

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KE See, e.g., Kevin M. Gallagher, "Private Spies Deserve More Scrutiny," Huffington Post, (18 Jun. 2014), at [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kevin-m-gallagher/private-sector-surveillance\\_b\\_5171750.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kevin-m-gallagher/private-sector-surveillance_b_5171750.html).

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HA See, e.g., Hans A. von Spakovsky, "The Dangers of Internet Voting," The Heritage Foundation, at Hans A. von Spakovsky, "The Dangers of Internet Voting," The Heritage Foundation, at <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2015/07/the-dangers-of-internet-voting>; Michael Agresta, "Will the Next Election Be Hacked? Online voting is on the rise, but experts see it as a nightmare for the integrity of the electoral process," The Wall Street Journal, (17 Aug. 2012), available at <http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB1000087239639044450850457595280674870186>. But see, e.g., Nicole Kobie, "Why electronic voting isn't secure – but may be safe enough," The Guardian (30 Mar. 2015), available at <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2015/mar/30/why-electronic-voting-is-not-secure>.

PE *People v. Ressin*, Case No. 1978CR9793, Colo. Super. Ct. (Denver Dt.). For a broader position situating this crime in the time and in its context, see Jay Becker, "The Trial of a Computer Crime," 2 Computer Law Journal 441 (1980), available at <http://repository.jmls.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1610&context=jitpl>.



- <sup>SU</sup> See *supra* § I.B.
- <sup>EM</sup> Emilio C. Viano, § II – Criminal Law. Special Part, Information Society and Penal Law, General Report, *Revue Internationale de Droit Penal*, 84 (2013) 3-4, p. 339.
- <sup>TE</sup> Terry Chia, Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability (CIA): The Three Components of the CIA Triad, IT Security Community Blog, August 2012
- <sup>ON</sup> One form of cybersabotage technique is cyber-bombing, wherein in malicious code, often called a “logic bomb” or “slag code”, is programmed to execute under certain circumstances, such upon failure to appropriately respond to a program command, or after the lapsing of a certain period of time. Such a technique is common in cyberwar and/or cyberterrorism. See, e.g., U.S. Dept. Defense Press Briefing, Sct’y. Carter & Gen. Dunford, Pentagon Briefing Room (Feb. 29, 2016), available at <http://www.defense.gov/News/News-Transcripts/Transcript-View/Article/682341/departement-of-defense-press-briefing-by-secretary-carter-and-gen-dunford-in-the>. Those topics are beyond the scope of the Toolkit. Nonetheless, it bears noting that the lines between acts of cybercrime and cyberwar or cyberterrorism are increasingly blurred, especially, as the World Development Report has noted, “acts that might previously have been considered civilian attacks are now being uncovered as acts of states against states via nonstate actor proxies”. See WDR at 222.
- <sup>TH</sup> Thomas Weigend, Information Society and Penal Law: General Report. *Revue Internationale de Droit Penal*, 2013, 1-2, p. 54.
- <sup>SO</sup> Some acts that might otherwise constitute cybercrime, or that with the passage of time are revealed to be acts of states against states, and that might be characterized as cyber-terrorism or cyber-war, are beyond the scope of this Toolkit.
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- <sup>CF</sup> C.f. Jamaica, Child Pornography (Prevention) Act, § 5 (Processing or accessing child pornography), available at <http://moj.gov.jm/sites/default/files/laws/Child%20Pornograph%20%28Prevention%29%20Act.pdf>.
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- <sup>KO</sup> See, e.g., Kosovo, Law on Prevention and Fight of the Cyber Crime, (2010), Art. 16 (Child pornography through computer systems), available at [http://mzhe.rks-gov.net/repository/docs/LIGJIPERPARANDALIMINDHE\\_LUFTIMINE\\_KRIMITKIBERNETIKE2010166-alb2010-166-eng.pdf](http://mzhe.rks-gov.net/repository/docs/LIGJIPERPARANDALIMINDHE_LUFTIMINE_KRIMITKIBERNETIKE2010166-alb2010-166-eng.pdf); India, Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008, § 67B (Punishment for publishing or transmitting of material depicting children in sexual explicit act, etc., in electronic form) which was inserted into the Information Technology Act, (2000), at [http://deity.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/dit/files/downloads/itact2000/it\\_amendment\\_act2008.pdf](http://deity.gov.in/sites/upload_files/dit/files/downloads/itact2000/it_amendment_act2008.pdf).
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## Referenced in: Procedural Issues

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- MO Most tellingly, it bears emphasizing that digital evidence is information stored or transmitted in binary form (0 and 1), and that that binary code assigns a bit string to each symbol or instruction. Such being the case, the evidence is in many ways both illusionary and illusive: the “original” evidence can be identically copied with no difference between the two except the time of their existence, and its integrity can be very easily compromised. For deeper discussion, see *supra* § II B. For more on the challenges faced by cybercrime investigators, see also *supra* note 3.
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# National Legal Frameworks

Building on the procedural, evidentiary, jurisdictional and institutional issues discussed in Chapter 2, this chapter provides an overview of substantive criminal aspects of cybercrime and how they are expressed in national legal frameworks.

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## Introduction

Section II provides an overview of different kinds of cybercrime offences. This subsection shows how these offences appear in national laws. It also introduces the idea of how certain safeguards – general due process issues as well as data protection and freedom of expression – appear in national law. Just as there is no one, globally accepted definition of cybercrime (see [section II.A](#), above), similarly, acts constituting cybercrime differ from State to State, with each State determining the various constitutive elements through its own domestic processes. As a result of this fragmentation, certain behavior understood as criminal in one country may not necessarily be classified as criminal in another; accordingly, perpetrators may not necessarily be subject to criminal punishment.<sup>SU</sup> In instances where criminal sanctions may not be available, civil or administrative measures may exist for specific types of individual cybercrime acts.<sup>UN</sup>

## I. Existing National Cybercriminal Legislation

While various cybercrimes have been discussed in section II A, above, this section considers how national laws have considered addressed such concerns by looking at the following cybercrimes: **(A)** the unauthorized access to a computer system, or hacking, **(B)** illegal acquisition of computer data, **(C)** illegal interception of computer, **(D)** illegal access to, and interfering with, computer data, **(E)** illegal system interference, **(F)** misuse of devices, **(G)** fraud, **(H)** forgery, **(I)** spamming, **(J)** child pornography and **(K)** copyright and trademark.

## A. Illegal Access

Illegal access to a computer system, is, in many ways, one of the most basic cybercrimes as it enables subsequent (cyber)criminal behavior (see [section II.B.](#) above). Correspondingly, that behavior is now widely, though not universally, criminalized. Many countries criminalize hacking through cyber-specific legislation,<sup>CY</sup> while others criminalize such acts by way of a general offence.<sup>SU</sup>

Depending on the jurisdiction's chosen approach, the perpetrator must have a certain "guilty" mental state, or *mens rea*, in order to be found culpable of this offense.<sup>TH</sup> Some states take an approach that expands this offense beyond unauthorized access to include continued or remained access to the computer system beyond that initial unauthorized trespass, or, if authorization existed, then beyond the period or purposes for which that authorization was granted. Other jurisdictions classify "illegal access"—what is often termed as "unauthorized monitoring"<sup>SU2</sup>—as a separate offense under separate provisions. Some national laws make illegal access a criminal offense only if it is paired with interference to or with that data—for instance, the copying, blocking, destroying, modifying or deleting of the data—<sup>KA</sup>, or if such illegal access is committed in connection with one of the components of illegal data or system interference. It is considered good practice to avoid adding further elements, as doing so might lead to difficulties in distinguishing between other offences (e.g., data espionage, illegal data or system interference).<sup>SU</sup>

### Box 1: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines An Example of Legislation Criminalizing Hacking

"A person who intentionally, without lawful excuse or justification, accesses the whole or any part of an information system commits an offence and is liable on conviction [...]."<sup>SA</sup>

## B. Illegal Acquisition of Computer Data

The illegal acquisition of computer data refers to obtaining computer data intentionally without authorization. The offense generally lies in the intentional unauthorized possession of such data alone; it does not depend on what may have been done with that data or to the original data. However, the statutes in some countries require additional elements, such as that a person has breached security measures or has a specific dishonest intent.

In Germany, a wider net is cast, with any data, regardless of its status or of the acquirer's purpose, being protected from unauthorized acquisition.<sup>GE</sup>

### Box 2: Germany

#### Example of Legislation Criminalizing Illegal Access to Computer Data

“Whosoever unlawfully obtains data for himself or another that were not intended for him and were especially protected against unauthorized access, if he has circumvented the protection, shall be liable [...].”<sup>IB</sup>

“[...] above data shall only be those stored or transmitted electronically or magnetically or otherwise in a manner not immediately perceivable.”<sup>IB2</sup>

## C. Illegal Interception of Computer Data

Illegal interception of computer data refers to acts involving intercepting data during transmission without authorization. At the national level, while many states cover illegal interception of computer data transmitted by cyber-specific legislation, others apply existing laws that criminalize unlawful interception of communications.<sup>RE</sup> Further, while, in some states, the scope of the offence is unrestricted, in others it is limited to private transmissions.<sup>SU</sup>

### Box 3: Botswana

#### An Example of Legislation Criminalizing Illegal Interception of Computer Data

“A person who intentionally and by technical means, without lawful excuse or justification, intercepts- (a) any non-public transmission to, from or within a computer or computer system; or (b) electromagnetic emissions that are carrying data, from a computer or computer system, commits an offence [...].”<sup>BO</sup>

## D. Illegal Interference with Computer Data

Quite similar to illegal access to computer data, illegal data interference refers to the unauthorized or unjustified interference with computer data (e.g., inputting, transmitting, damaging, deleting, deteriorating, altering or suppressing).<sup>SU2</sup>

#### Box 4: Kazakhstan

##### Example of Legislation Criminalizing Illegal Access to Computer Data

“Illegal access to computer information which is protected by law, that is information on a storage medium, in a computer, computer system, or computer network, and equally violation of the rules for operation of a computer, computer system or their network by persons, [by a group of persons and through the creation of programs for computers] who have access to the computer, computer system or their network, *if this action entailed destruction, blocking, modification, or the copying of information, or disruption of the work* of a given computer, computer system, or computer network [...].”<sup>KA</sup>

#### Box 5: Portugal

##### Example of Legislation Criminalizing Illegal Data Interference

“Whoever, without legal permission or authorization from the owner or holder of the right over the full system, or part thereof, deletes, alters, fully or partially deteriorates, damages, suppresses or renders unusable or inaccessible other people’s programmes or other computer data or by any other means seriously hinders their functioning, shall be punishable[....]”<sup>PO</sup>

## E. Illegal System Interference

Another variant of illegal interference, this offense criminalizes interference with computer systems. Illegal system interference criminalizes substantially hindering the functioning of a computer system without authorization or justification.<sup>SU</sup> Some states have special statutory provisions governing illegal interference with computer systems of national critical infrastructure.<sup>RE</sup> According to UNODC, 70 percent of the countries reported the existence of a variant of this cyber-specific offence.<sup>SU2</sup> An additional 22 percent indicated that this act was criminalized by way of a general offence.<sup>TO</sup>

## Box 6: The Gambia

### Example of Legislation Criminalizing Illegal System Interference

“A person who, without lawful authority or lawful excuse, does an act which causes directly or indirectly

- A A degradation, failure, interruption or obstruction of the operation of a computer system
- B A denial of access to, or impairment of any program or data stored in, the computer system, commits an offence.”<sup>GA</sup>

## F. Misuses of Devices

The criminalization of the misuse of tools existed well before the development of ICTs. Misuse of devices refers to acts involving computer tools to commit cybercrimes. In the cybercriminal context, the term “tools” is broadly understood, possibly covering not only software or devices, but also passwords or codes enabling access to computer systems and data (also called “access codes”).<sup>SU</sup>

In response to growing underground markets for trading information, software and other tools used to commit crimes in cyberspace, many national laws have adopted provisions specifically targeting acts concerning computer misuse tools.<sup>IB</sup> The UNODC study found that approximately 67 percent of responding had cyber-specific offences concerning the misuse of computer tools.<sup>SU2</sup> About 10 percent of responding countries indicated that such acts were criminalized by way of a general offence.<sup>TO</sup> Domestic laws typically require both that the tool both be either designed or adapted for the purpose of the committing the prescribed offence, and that the perpetrator have the requisite intent.<sup>GH</sup> Other laws, by contrast, are more expansive, either requiring only that the tool’s purpose be the furtherance of a cybercriminal,<sup>SU3</sup> or that perpetrator presents the requisite *mens rea*.<sup>SR</sup>

The production, distribution, making available or possession of “computer misuse tools” may also be criminalized.<sup>SU4</sup> Relatedly, the unauthorized disclosure of passwords or access codes is often also criminalized.<sup>AN</sup>

### Box 7: Ghana

#### Example of Legislation Criminalizing Misuse of Devices<sup>GH2</sup>

“A person who intentionally, recklessly, without lawful excuse or justification, possesses, produces, sells, procures for use, imports, exports, distributes or otherwise makes available

- A A device, including a computer programme, that is designed or adapted for the purpose of committing an offence
- B A computer password, access code or similar electronic record by which the whole or any part of a computer system is capable of being accessed with the intent that it be used by a person for an offence commits an offence and is liable [...]”

## G. Fraud

Fraud is generally understood as consisting of some deceitful practice or willful device intentionally used to deprive another of his or her right, or to cause him or her some other harm.<sup>DE</sup> For instance, the World Bank, which understanding the term more broadly than most, describes “fraudulent practice” as “any act or omission, including misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation.”<sup>WH</sup> As traditional notions of fraud require the direct deception of a physical person, transitioning to cyberspace can cause legal complication since ICT-related fraud typically involves acts of data or system manipulation or interference. In order to address potential legal issues, many countries have introduced cyber-specific provisions.<sup>RE</sup> Relatedly, while some countries incorporate unauthorized use of electronic payment tools into provisions on fraud, others criminalize such acts under stand-alone offences.<sup>GE</sup>

### Box 8: Korea

#### Example of Legislation Criminalizing ICT-related Fraud<sup>SU</sup>

“Any person who acquires any benefits to property or has a third person acquire them, by making any data processed after inputting a false information or improper order, or inputting or altering the data without any authority into the data processor, such as computer, etc., shall be punished [...]”

## H. Forgery

The crime of forgery is typically understood as the false making, with intent to defraud, of a writing (through construction, alteration or false signature), which, if genuine, might apparently be of legal efficacy or the foundation of a legal liability.<sup>DE</sup> ICT-related forgery is an act involving interference with computer data resulting in inauthentic data with specific intent to cause such data to be relied upon as if it were authentic.<sup>SU2</sup> According to UNODC's draft study, some countries reported having criminalizing computer-related fraud or forgery through a general offense,<sup>SU3</sup> others indicated that this act was criminalized by way of a cyber-specific offence.<sup>TO</sup>

Similar to traditional fraud offences, forgery offences often require modification of a writing or other visual representation. That requirement often presents legal difficulties in covering ICT-related forgery which involve manipulation or alteration of computer data. To address such difficulties, some countries extend the legal definition of "document/writing" to include data stored on a computer system<sup>ZI</sup>, while other systems have introduced provisions explicitly addressing computer-related forgery.<sup>SU4</sup> Some countries enumerate different punishments depending on whether public or private data are subject to forgery.<sup>IB</sup>

### Box 9: Samoa

#### Example of Legislation Criminalizing ICT-related Forgery<sup>SA</sup>

"A person is liable to [...] who intentionally and without authorisation, inputs, alters, deletes, or suppresses electronic data, resulting in inauthentic data with the intent that it be considered or acted upon for legal purposes as if it were authentic, regardless of whether or not the data is directly readable and intelligible."

## I. Spamming

Spamming—that is, using the internet to indiscriminately send unsolicited and unauthorized messages (typically to a large numbers of recipients)—is a phenomenon unique to cyberspace because of the free exchange of information and messages. According to UNODC, 21 percent of countries have criminalized the sending of spam.<sup>SU</sup> A further 14 percent of the responding countries indicated that this act was criminalized by way of a general offence.<sup>TO</sup> Anti-spam laws typically criminalize the transmission of unsolicited, multiple electronic messages, and the manipulation of either the message header or of the originating information.<sup>IB</sup> In some countries, the unauthorized access to a protected computer and initiation of the transmission of multiple commercial electronic mail messages is also criminalized.<sup>SU2</sup>

## Box 11: United States

### Example of Legislation Criminalizing Sending Spam<sup>SU3</sup>

**“(A) In general. —Whoever, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, knowingly—**

- (1)** Accesses a protected computer without authorization, and intentionally initiates the transmission of multiple commercial electronic mail messages from or through such computer
- (2)** Uses a protected computer to relay or retransmit multiple commercial electronic mail messages, with the intent to deceive or mislead recipients, or any Internet access service, as to the origin of such messages
- (3)** Materially falsifies header information in multiple commercial electronic mail messages and intentionally initiates the transmission of such messages
- (4)** Registers, using information that materially falsifies the identity of the actual registrant, for five or more electronic mail accounts or online user accounts or two or more domain names, and intentionally initiates the transmission of multiple commercial electronic mail messages from any combination of such accounts or domain names
- (5)** Falsely represents oneself to be the registrant or the legitimate successor in interest to the registrant of 5 or more Internet Protocol addresses, and intentionally initiates the transmission of multiple commercial electronic mail messages from such addresses

**or conspires to do so, shall be punished as provided in subsection (b).”**

## J. Child Pornography Offences

ICT-related child pornography offences criminalize the use of ICT to produce, distribute, access, store or possess child pornography. According to UNODC, 65 percent of responding countries reported generally criminalizing child pornography—for instance, by including language such as “by any means” or “in any manner.”<sup>SU4</sup> A further 14 countries indicated that the offence was criminalized by way of a cyber-specific instrument or element—for instance, by having language such as “through computer systems.”<sup>TO</sup> Other countries have criminalized ICT-related child pornography through judicial interpretation of general obscenity laws, or by extending a legal definition of “child pornography” to cover child pornographic material in the form of computer data.<sup>FO</sup>



### Box 12: Estonia

#### Example of Legislation Criminalizing ICT-related Child Pornography Offence<sup>ES</sup>

“A person who manufactures, stores, hands over, displays or makes available in any other manner pictures, writings or other works or reproductions of works depicting a person of less than 18 years of age in a pornographic situation, or a person of less than 18 years of age in a pornographic or erotic situation shall be punished [...].”

## K. Copyright and Trademark Offences

Copyright and trademark laws protect a party’s branding and good name from unauthorized usage—trademarks, by identifying and distinguishing the source of the goods, and copyrights, by protecting original works of authorship. Analogs in cyberspace do much the same thing, focusing on limiting those who can claim to have authored or created a work, as well as who can posture as producing products.<sup>US</sup> Roughly 71 percent of countries responding to UNODC’s survey reported having criminalized computer-related copyright and trademark offence.<sup>SU5</sup> An additional 14 percent indicated that cyber-specific provisions were in place.<sup>TO</sup>

### Box 10: United States

#### Example of Legislation Criminalizing ICT-related Copyright Offence<sup>SU6</sup>

“(1) In general. —Any person who willfully infringes a copyright shall be punished as provided under section 2319 of title 18, if the infringement was committed—

- (A) For purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain
- (B) By the reproduction or distribution, including by electronic means, during any 180-day period, of 1 or more copies or phonorecords of 1 or more copyrighted works, which have a total retail value of more than \$1,000
- (C) By the distribution of a work being prepared for commercial distribution, by making it available on a computer network accessible to members of the public, if such person knew or should have known that the work was intended for commercial distribution.”

## II. Safeguards

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The other key area to be reflected in national legislation are the safeguards accompanying the criminal sanctions. Although these are discussed more at length in greater depth in the section V, below, it bears highlighting here that as important as criminalizing certain behaviors is ensuring that fundamental rights are ensured.

### A. General Due Process Considerations

A number of procedural issues, related to investigations and prosecutions, are considered in section II, other issues related to due process, such as the accused rights to counsel and being present in connection with certain digital investigations. This Toolkit does not exhaustively deal with the full range of due process issues related generally to criminal law. Rather it focuses on specific issues related to cybercrime.

### B. Privacy and Data Protection

According to the UNODC's study, almost all responding countries indicated that existing privacy protections extended to computer data and electronic communications.<sup>SU</sup> A balance is struck by protecting the privacy of personal data collected and processed by third parties, while allowing, in exceptional circumstances, that these third parties could be obliged to make disclosures to law enforcement.<sup>RE</sup>

### C. Freedom of Expression

Freedom of expression must be taken into account in criminalizing the dissemination of information via computer systems or cyberspace either because the underlying content is illegal (e.g., child pornography, or because the actor is unauthorized to do so (e.g., copyright).<sup>SU2</sup> Relatedly, the responsibility of facilitators (e.g., ISPs) must be taken into account, with many countries limiting liability.<sup>RE2</sup>

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# Safeguards

While issues of procedural due process, protection of data and privacy and freedom of expression could be included in a discussion of national legal frameworks, they are treated separately in this chapter because of the importance of such legal “safeguards.” This chapter examines procedural due process, data protection/privacy and freedom of expression as they relate to cybercrime.

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# Introduction & Due Process

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## Introduction

As stated in the WDR,<sup>WD</sup> for an ICT ecosystem to be vibrant and contribute to economic development, it needs to be built around a “trust” environment. Part of that trust environment is ensuring the security of networks, systems and data; but the trust environment is equally built around preserving the individual’s privacy and protecting data about individuals, as well as ensuring their rights of expression on line. Efforts at combatting cybercrime tend to aim at the security part; however, as part of the overall trust environment, a cybercrime regime must also pay due regard to preserving individual rights in a balanced way.

This section considers due process issues generally, and then focuses on data protection and freedom of expression in subsequent sections. It is beyond the scope of this Toolkit at large, and this section in particular, to give a comprehensive overview of due process rights in investigating and prosecuting crimes. The Toolkit generally operates and is constructed from the perspective that whatever due process rights exist in the case of “conventional” crimes would also apply to cybercrimes. This section attempts to put due process rights of general application in the specific cybercrime context by looking at how such rights were handled in a recent high-profile case, as well as how one country, Korea, has attempted to grapple with this issues.

## I. Concept of Due Process

The concept of due process of law has now been recognized in both common and civil law systems, as well as at the constitutional level. For example, the Fifth and the Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution provide that “No person shall be [...] deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law.” Likewise, the Republic of Korea, which has adopted a more civil law-oriented

legal system, has similar clauses in its Constitution. Specifically, Article 12 of the Korean Constitution provides that, “All citizens shall enjoy personal liberty. No person shall be arrested, detained, searched, seized or interrogated except as provided by Act. No person shall be punished, placed under preventive restrictions or subject to involuntary labor except as provided by Act and through lawful procedures. Warrants issued by a judge through due procedures upon the request of a prosecutor shall be presented in case of arrest, detention, seizure or search.”

In terms of the scope of due process, both substantive and procedural due process components are recognized by the Supreme Court of the United States.<sup>Mi</sup> Unsurprisingly, greater emphasis is put on the procedural due process aspects of judicial proceedings in that context. However, due to the potential for the loss of liberty if convicted, there is a substantial need for due process in criminal cases because of the potential for sovereign coercive power being brought to bear on individuals.<sup>Mi</sup>

This section will discuss peculiar due process issues in investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes and also review relevant arguments linked with the Budapest Convention.

## II. Due Process in Investigation and Prosecution of Cybercrimes

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General due process requirements when investigating and prosecuting crimes include, *inter alia*, the right of the defendant to confront his/her accuser, the right to counsel, the right to a speedy trial apply to the investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes. As mentioned, this section focuses on more specific and frequent cybercrime-related issues, notably **(A)** imbalance of obtaining evidence, and **(B)** search and seizure.

### A. Obtaining Evidence

Issues of the admissibility of evidence in court, such as the requirements of authenticity, integrity and reliability of digital evidence, have already been discussed (see [sections II.C and II.D](#), above). From a procedural due process point of view, even though cybercriminals operate in a sophisticated and cross-border environment, there can still be a power imbalance between investigative agencies and defendants: compared to individual defendants, government investigators and prosecutors have more negotiating power when searching and securing evidence. Once an investigation reaches the prosecutorial phase, there is likely more inculpatory evidence in favor of the State than exculpatory evidence in favor of the defendant. Yet justice systems, beholden to the rule of law, need to be fair and neutral.



## B. Search and Seizure

**If the search and seizure violates the criminal procedure law and/or the constitutional law, the evidence that is seized ought to be excluded from evidence in principle. In the United States, there are various federal statutes which set a limit on the investigatory power.**

### **Wiretap Act (19 U.S.C. § 2510):**

The seizure of the content of digital message is governed by the Act. It prohibits anyone from intercepting the contents of wire, oral, or electronic communications. Violation of the Act can cause criminal punishment or/and civil damages. Only by an order of a federal judge, interception could be justified.<sup>CH</sup>

### **Pen Register and Trap and Trace Statute (18 U.S.C. § 3121):**

The statute governs the seizure of real-time traffic data – dialing, routing, addressing, and signaling information provided by a communications service provider. It generally prohibits the nonconsensual real-time acquisition of non-content information by any person about a wire or electronic communication unless a statutory exception applies.<sup>IB</sup>

### **Stored communications provisions of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (18 U.S.C. § 2701):**

The Act protects individuals' privacy and proprietary interests, which applies when law enforcement officials seek to obtain records about a customer or subscriber from a communication service provider.<sup>IB2</sup>

### **Fourth Amendment:**

The constitutional provision is construed as prohibiting the search or seizure of an individual or their property, unless a warrant is first obtained from a judge or the circumstances fall within very limited number of situations where a warrant is deemed unnecessary.<sup>IB3</sup>

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**Among other jurisdictions, Korean law guarantees the right of the defendant to participate in the search and seizure of an information storage device such as a computer. For example, Articles 121 & 122 of the Korean Criminal Procedure Act provide as follows:**

"A prosecutor, the criminal defendant, or his/her defense counsel may be present when a warrant of seizure or of search is being executed. Where a warrant of seizure or of search is to be executed, the persons listed in the preceding Article shall be notified of the date and place of execution in advance. [T]his shall not apply in cases where a person prescribed in the preceding Article, clearly expresses his/her will in advance to the court that he/she does not desire to be present or in case of urgency."



The Korean Supreme Court strictly interprets the above provisions by ruling that seizure and search procedure of information storage device was illegal overall upon failing to guarantee the participation right of those subject to seizure even in the procedure after taking out information storage device outside.<sup>TH</sup>

### Box 1: Silk Road Case

According to the announcement of U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York on the 29th of May 2015, Manhattan federal court sentenced Ross Ulbricht to life in prison in connection with his operation and ownership of Silk Road between January 2011 and October 2013, a hidden “darkweb” website designed to enable its users to buy and sell illegal drugs and other unlawful goods and services anonymously and beyond the reach of law enforcement.<sup>US</sup> During the court proceedings, however, the defendant claimed that although he had initially been involved in the site, and although he even averred that illicit activities may have been conducted on the site, he had sold this stake and was no longer involved in Silk Road. With regard to the evidence that the State presented, the defense argued that government surveillance of his online accounts was overboard and amounted to a violation of defendant’s Fourth Amendment rights, which protect against undue search and seizure<sup>IV</sup>. It was further argued that evidence favorable to the defendant regarding corrupt officials had been improperly suppressed and tainted the case and evidence. The defendant appealed his conviction saying: “The court abused its discretion and denied Ulbricht his Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights to due process, the right to present a defense, and a fair trial by (A) precluding the defense from using at trial the evidence relating to DEA Special Agent Carl Force’s corruption; (B) refusing to order the government to provide additional discovery and Brady material regarding corruption; and (C) denying Ulbricht’s motion for new trial based on additional post-trial disclosures regarding Force and another corrupt law enforcement agent involved in the Silk Road investigation.”<sup>JO</sup>

Regardless of the resolution of this appeal (which is still pending), the arguments made are ones that might well be raised by defendants charged with cybercrimes

## III. Budapest Convention and “Due Process”

A general discussion of multilateral and international agreements in cybercrime is already found in section III. A., above. While the Budapest Convention has already been discussed in that section, it is worth noting here that the Budapest Convention is alone among these multilateral and international instruments in specifically addressing safeguards and due process issues. That said,

the provisions of the Budapest Convention show the inherent tension among information gathering and investigative powers and requirements of due process. With regard to due process safeguards, the Budapest Convention has specific provisions on **(A)** general conditions and safeguards, **(B)** expedited preservation of stored computer data and search and seizure of stored computer data, and **(C)** expedited preservation and partial disclosure of traffic data and expedited disclosure of preserved traffic data.

## A. Safeguards

Article 15 of the Convention provides, *inter alia*, that “[...] conditions and safeguards provided for under its domestic law, which shall provide for the adequate protection of human rights and liberties.” Although binding on its Member States (and presumably its members having transposed into national law implementing provisions) a treaty mechanism alone as a source of due process is insufficient without local law implementation.<sup>MI</sup>

## B. Treatment of stored computer data

The safeguards referred to in article 15 are balanced against, for example, articles 16 and 19 of the Budapest Convention which provide, respectively, that “Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to enable its competent authorities to order or similarly obtain the expeditious preservation of specified computer data, including traffic data, that has been stored by means of a computer system [...],”<sup>AR</sup> and that “A Party may request another Party to order or otherwise obtain the expeditious preservation of data stored by means of a computer system, located within the territory of that other Party and in respect of which the requesting Party intends to submit a request for mutual assistance for the search or similar access, seizure or similar securing, or disclosure of the data.”<sup>IB</sup> How the investigative authorities of each Member State carry out effective search and seizure will also be a matter of national law, and the duration of preservation could be confined since the purpose of preservation order is to get enough time to carry out legal procedures such as issuing warrant.<sup>CO</sup>

## C. Treatment of traffic data

Similarly, articles 17 and 30 of the Budapest Convention set up tools to secure expedited preservation of traffic data and require traffic data to be disclosed to the investigation agency so that routes of transmission can be identified. Articles 17 and 30 provide that “[...] as may be necessary to: (a) ensure that such expeditious preservation of traffic data is available regardless of whether one or more service providers were involved in the transmission of that communication; and (b) ensure the expeditious disclosure to the Party’s competent authority, or a person designated by that authority, or a sufficient amount of traffic data to enable the Party to identify

the service providers and the path through which the communication was transmitted,"<sup>SU</sup>"[...] the requested Party shall expeditiously disclose to the requesting Party a sufficient amount of traffic data to identify that service provider and the path through which the communication was transmitted."<sup>IB2</sup> Care would need to be taken in transposing these provisions into national law that there are [no infringements on personal data] in connection with preservation or disclosure of traffic data.<sup>IB3</sup>

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# International Cooperation

This chapter discusses both formal and informal aspects of international cooperation to combat cybercrime.

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# Multilateral Instruments & Cross-Border Cooperation

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## Introduction

The global, trans-national, cross-border nature of cyberspace raises substantial jurisdictional issues (see [section II.E](#), above). Operating from a Westphalian nation-state concept of sovereignty, States—and their territorially-based cybercrime legislation—have been “plagued” by the boundary-defying fluidity of cyberspace and of cybercrime.<sup>DA</sup> Further, different legal systems and their anomalies and idiosyncrasies often present major obstacles to effectively fighting cybercrime.

Although there are a number of offences that can be prosecuted anywhere in the world, regional differences play an important role. For example, different kinds of content are criminalized in different countries, which means that material that can lawfully be made available on a server in one country might be considered illegal in another. The issue of convergence of legislation is highly relevant, as a large number of countries base their mutual legal assistance (MLA) regimes on the principle of dual criminality (discussed below).<sup>DU</sup> This means that, outside of mechanisms created by instruments such as the Budapest Convention (discussed below), if the criminal act for which the MLA request sought is only criminalized in one country have acceded to the mutual legal assistance treaty (MLAT), the country being requested to provide assistance may not be authorized to do so.

Formal international cooperation aims at addressing three basic problems: (i) national criminal laws that are either incomplete (insofar as they do not deal with cybercrime) or that do not contemplate the kind of cross-border cooperation so often required in combatting cybercrime, (ii) procedural powers not equipped to combat cybercrime and (iii) lack of enforceable mutual legal assistance provisions.<sup>AM</sup> Effectively fighting cybercrime requires addressing each of these three areas, which demands both efforts at the national level, in developing an appropriate legal framework, and at

the international level, in creating mechanisms for the interoperability of those frameworks. Failing to do address both dimensions could result in the creation of safe havens for cyber-criminals.<sup>US</sup> Formal international measures, mainly in the form of treaties, attempt to address these concerns by getting States to agree on how to address all of these issues.

Where cybercrimes are concerned, complete jurisdiction—over the crime, the evidence and the alleged perpetrators (see [section II.E](#), above)—is frequently not obtained; as such, States must act beyond their territorial borders and cooperate with others in order to investigate and prosecute cybercrimes. Actions taken through the mechanisms of multilateral instruments, rather than by unilateral effort, are the most effective and important means of establishing extra-territorial jurisdiction over cybercrimes. Once a State has developed the appropriate legal framework for combatting cybercrime (see [section II](#), above), international cooperation is necessary to expand purview and to fill gaps, thereby building effective networks of interoperability that can function coherently and cohesively. That said, even where such formal instruments exist, effective implementation largely depends upon informally developing international relations, typically through additional mechanisms and interactions (see [section III.B](#), below).

Formal and informal modes of cooperation facilitate State consent for conducting of foreign law enforcement investigations that affect a State’s sovereignty. For example, law enforcement might access data stored extraterritorially where investigators use an existing live connection from a suspect’s device, or where they use (lawfully-obtained) data access credentials. Law enforcement investigators may, on occasion, obtain data from extraterritorial service providers through an informal direct request, although service providers usually require due legal process.

Formal international cooperation comes in various forms. The most targeted means are **(I)** cyber-specific multilateral treaties.<sup>AT</sup> Globally, more than 80 countries have signed and/or ratified one of the binding cybercrime instruments<sup>UN</sup>, and many of those have national cybercrime legislation.<sup>14</sup> More generally, formal yet non-cyber-specific mechanisms for international cooperation include **(II)** MLATs and **(III)** extradition treaties. These instruments set up frameworks for cooperation, encouraging or requiring States to look more closely at their own domestic legislation. The value of these instruments goes beyond their formal membership, however: these instruments provide a benchmark to States not bound by the instruments,<sup>ZA</sup> Including when taken together with other sources of good practice, for example model laws.<sup>OT</sup>

## I. Multilateral Treaties on Cybercrime

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Five major cybercrime-specific, multilateral treaties exist: **(A)** the Council of Europe’s Convention on Cybercrime (“Budapest Convention”), **(B)** the Commonwealth of Independent States Agreement (CIS Agreement), **(C)** the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Agreement (SCO Agreement), **(D)** the League of Arab States Convention (Arab Convention), and **(E)** the African Union Convention (AU Convention). Despite these accomplishments and the fact that approximately 80 countries are party



to one or more of the four major multilateral treaties on cybercrime in force,<sup>TH</sup> the still-relatively limited coverage of existing multilateral treaties led the 12th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2010 to conclude that serious consideration ought to be given to developing a further convention to combat cybercrime,<sup>UN</sup> prompting a discussion on **(F)** what lessons have been learned that could enhance membership in formal international instruments. Binding multilateral instruments on cybercrime, as well as other more general-oriented anti-crime instruments with international cooperation provisions that can be used to combat cybercrime, provide the normative framework to States parties to them to deal with cybercrime.

The proliferation of treaties is itself an issue. One underlying purpose of a treaty is to encourage cooperation among its member States on the subject matter of the treaty. The growing number of treaties and international agreements regarding cyberspace itself poses challenges to ensuring interoperability of the various instruments as well as effective cooperation among countries that may be members of different instruments and may have different obligations regarding cooperation, especially regarding mutual legal assistance (see discussion below). A more in-depth comparison of the contents of the various cybercrime treaties can be found in [Appendix IX.B](#).

## A. The Budapest Convention

The Budapest Convention of 2001 is the foremost international instrument on cybercrime, in part because it is the only truly “global” instrument, open to signature by countries not in Europe.<sup>BU</sup> As a great deal has been written about the Budapest Convention, the Toolkit does not attempt to either repeat or summarize that commentary, though a few observations are warranted.

The Budapest Convention combines a comprehensive set of rules on different aspects of cybercrime including substantive, procedural, jurisdictional and international cooperation issues<sup>IN</sup>, as well as having legally binding effect on its contracting States. Its clear definition of criminal offenses as balanced against procedural safeguards<sup>IN2</sup> is an excellent example of good practice. In addition, it contains important provisions requiring contracting Parties to observe due process and human rights while combatting cybercrime.<sup>SU</sup> While accession is not limited by geography, accession of non-European Council Member States is restricted to those “invited” upon the unanimous consent of the Contracting States to the Convention;<sup>IB</sup> understandably, 84 percent of the Convention’s signatories are member States of the Council of Europe.<sup>IB2</sup> Saying that, the Convention was developed with the participation of four States that are not member States of the Council of Europe,<sup>IB3</sup> and another seventeen non-member States have either acceded to the Convention or have been invited to do so.<sup>IB4</sup>

## B. Arab Convention

The League of Arab States Convention on Combating Information Technology Offences of 2010 (Arab Convention) adopts a common criminal policy, which serves to enhance and strengthen cooperation in the area of combating information technology offenses that threaten security and interests of member States and the safety of their communities with specific reference to the importance of Islamic law.<sup>AR</sup> Parties agree to implement procedural and legislative policies, which both criminalize technology offences and facilitate both the prosecution of cybercrimes and the tracking and collection of digital evidence. There is noted deference to equality of the regional sovereignty of States and noninterference in the internal affairs of other States.<sup>IB5</sup> Unlike the Budapest Convention,<sup>SU</sup> the SCO Agreement,<sup>SC</sup> or the CIS Agreement,<sup>CI</sup> accession is contingent on membership to the League of Arab States.<sup>SU2</sup> Of the twenty-two member States (with Syria's membership having been indefinitely suspended), eighteen have signed.<sup>IB6</sup>

## C. The Commonwealth of Independent States Agreement

The Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Agreement on Cooperation in Combating Offences Related to Computer Information of 2001 (CIS Agreement) seeks to encourage cooperation in assuring the effective prevention, detection, suppression, uncovering and investigation of cybercrime offences. To do so, Parties agree to adopt such organizational and legislative measures as may be necessary in order to implement the provisions of this Agreement, and agree to strive to ensure the harmonization of their national legislation concerning the combating of offences relating to computer information. While, as with the Budapest Convention<sup>SU</sup> and the SCO Agreement,<sup>SU2</sup> accession is not limited by geography, accession is contingent upon the agreement of all Parties.<sup>SU3</sup> Unlike the Budapest Convention, however, the CIS Agreement was developed by all of its twelve member States;<sup>TH</sup> thus, it is unsurprising that only member States have acceded. However, while all twelve CIS member States signed, only 6 have ratified,<sup>CI2</sup> with one other state (Russia) having sent notification in 2004 that internal procedures are being carried out.<sup>DI</sup>

## D. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization Agreement

With the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Agreement of 2009 (SCO Agreement), the heads of government of the six SCO member States reaffirmed that current science and technology conditions warranted cooperation in order to enhance the capability of SCO member States to confront global challenges and threats.<sup>SU4</sup> Like the Budapest Convention<sup>SU5</sup> and CIO Agreement,<sup>SU6</sup> accession is not limited by geography.<sup>SU7</sup> Of the six members, all six have signed.<sup>AB</sup>

## E. The African Union Convention

The most recent of the instruments is the African Union Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection of 2014 (AU Convention).<sup>AU</sup> Although the AU Convention is a positive step in the progress of the fight against cybercrime, and an undeniable statement of regional political expression, there are substantial divergences from other instruments (international and domestic) that make the AU Convention a less useful or desirable model upon which to build, notably in terms of safeguards (see [chapter V](#), below) and the binding legal nature of the AU Convention in the area of MLATs, for example. Moreover, of the 54 AU member States, only 8 have signed the AU Convention, and none have ratified it.<sup>U</sup> The AU Convention requires 15 instruments of ratification in order to enter into force.<sup>SUB</sup>

## F. Areas of Improvement for Formal International Agreements

Many of the formal international instruments combatting cybercrime have been in existence for up to 15 years. In the age of the Internet, this is, if not a lifetime, certainly a generation. The instruments have proved both flexible and encouraged signatories and non-signatories alike to take action to ensure greater interoperability of legal frameworks.<sup>AN</sup> Additionally, while more and more countries from more and more places around the globe are adhering to cybercrime treaties, coverage is still far from universal, and there are substantive divergences among the instruments. Some areas for consideration in the next generation of international instruments follow:

### **Inclusion**

To attract interest—and ownership—from all States, space needs to be created to include them in the consideration of the instrument from an early stage.

### **Multi-stakeholdersim**

In particular, in recognition of the role that private sector actors increasingly play in the fight against cybercrime, effective ways of encouraging cooperation with law enforcement should be considered.

### **Incorporating lessons learned. Cybercrime is evolving**

The existing instruments may need modification or renewal. There is an inherent tension in any instrument between being sufficiently flexible to accommodate evolving cybercrime, and being too vague or general.

### **Overcoming persistent limitations in coverage**

Perhaps related to inclusion, uptake of membership in international instruments, despite the openness of the Budapest Convention and the proliferation of regional and sub-regional instruments while growing, is still relatively low.

## National implementation

Joining any of the instruments is not in and of itself the ultimate goal; it is only the starting point. What is really required, ultimately, is national domestication of the terms of those instruments, and subsequent implementing and practicing those requirements by appropriate authorities.

## International instruments aggravate differences among States

Because of the variability of implementation of national laws to reflect treaty-based obligations (*i.e.*, differences in national laws), cooperation obligations in treaties may exacerbate different approaches. For example, rights of the accused may vary from country to country, but MLA provisions may require assistance, thus potentially facilitating abuses, especially in areas of dual criminality.

## Safeguards

Not all the instruments provide safeguards on (see section V, below) for protecting due process and other fundamental rights, such as privacy/data protection and freedom of expression.

# II. Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties

This section first provides a **(A)** general overview of the nature and general aspects of Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs), and then **(B)** examines how these are treated in multilateral instruments using the example of the Budapest Convention's MLA Provisions.

## A. General Aspects of MLATs

MLATs are agreements between two or more countries for the purpose of gathering and exchanging information in order to enforce public or criminal laws. While binding multilateral instruments provide an important basis for international cooperation,<sup>SU</sup> even non-binding MLATs (which have been particularly influential in Caribbean and African countries) offer valuable guidance on international or regional standards for dealing with cybercrime.<sup>SU2</sup> Moreover, States having entered into MLATs tend to adopt domestic law on cybercrime.<sup>AP</sup> In addition, there are a number of regional instruments dealing with MLA in the broader criminal context.<sup>EC</sup>

According to the UNODC's study, extra-territorial evidence in cybercrime cases is obtained through traditional forms of cooperation, with over 70 percent of reporting countries using formal mutual legal assistance. Within such formal cooperation, almost 60 percent of requests use bilateral instruments as the legal basis. Multilateral instruments are used in 20 percent of cases. Response times for formal mechanisms were reported to be of the order of months, for both extradition and mutual legal assistance requests, a timescale that presents challenges to the collection of volatile electronic evidence.<sup>SU3</sup> Initiatives for furthering informal cooperation and for facilitating existing formal cooperation, such as 24/7 networks, offer important potential for faster response times (see [section III.B](#), below).<sup>IB</sup>

While MLATs can be formed at a multilateral or bilateral level, unfortunately, over 60 percent of countries are not party to any multilateral cybercrime instrument, meaning that they have no international legal obligation to either include specialized cybercrime investigative powers in national procedural laws, or to carry out specialized investigations in response to cooperation requests.<sup>IB2</sup> Moreover, the UNODC noted “modes of informal cooperation are possible for around two-thirds of reporting countries, although few countries have a policy for the use of such mechanisms.”<sup>IB3</sup>

### **Box 1: An Example of Legislation on International Judicial Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Korea)<sup>RE</sup>**

**“Art. 5:** The scope of mutual assistance shall be as follows: (1) Investigation into the whereabouts of a person or object; (2) Provision of documents and records; (3) Service of documents, etc.; (4) Gathering of evidence, seizure, search, and verification; (5) Transfer of objects, such as evidence; (6) Hearing of statements, and other measures to make any person testify or cooperate with an investigation in the requesting country.

**“Art. 6:** Mutual assistance may not be provided in any of the following cases: (1) Where it might be detrimental to the sovereignty, national security, public peace and order, or public morals, of the Republic of Korea; (2) Where it is deemed that the criminal might be punished, or subject to an unfavorable penalty disposition, due to his/her race, nationality, gender, religion, social status, or the fact that he/she is a member of a specified social organization, or by the reason that he/she has a different political view; (3) Where it is deemed that the crime under mutual assistance is of a political nature, or a request for mutual assistance is made for the purpose of an investigation or trial on another crime of a political nature; (4) Where the crime under mutual assistance does not constitute a crime, or it is a crime against which no public action may be instituted, under any Act of the Republic of Korea; (5) Where the requesting country fails to give a guarantee although this Act prescribes that the requesting country should do so.”

With mechanisms for requesting and obtaining evidence for criminal investigations and prosecutions, MLATs remain one of the most comprehensive tools for building an interoperable legal framework at the international level, and, therefore, for overcoming jurisdictional issues. MLATs allow signatories to shift from strict territorial views to more comprehensive and cooperative views,<sup>DO</sup> providing them with reciprocal abilities to obtain jurisdictional power over offenses.

MLATs, though an effective tool, are far from perfect. Frequently, they are not particularly extensive, and, in order for them to have effect, signatories typically must first introduce and domesticate the treaty’s provisions into their own legal systems through legislation or other appropriate means.<sup>GR</sup>

Moreover, it is commonly lamented that MLAT facilitation mechanisms are difficult and take time to effectuate.<sup>SU</sup> While efforts are underway globally to improve these processes, many factors combine to impede progress. Such hindrances are of particularly great concern in combatting cybercrime, where evidence is often fragile and fleeting, and where it is found in a world—cyberspace—where anonymity is easily created and recreated. Similarly, as the location of the perpetrator may be difficult to identify, determining which entities have control over the desired data may be complicated. Indeed, even once the perpetrator’s location has been identified, the desired data may not be so easy to identify and locate, a matter complicated by the facile manner in which data might be moved and technology developments, such as cloud computing, that allow the fragmenting and (re)routing of data through several countries (see [section II.C.](#) above).

All of these elements combine making it unclear which state has legal jurisdiction over the data. As a result, an increasing number of countries are asserting jurisdiction to continue electronic investigations even when, in the physical world, that action might be considered an infringement of another state’s sovereignty. Thus, the antitrust investigators of Belgium, Brazil, and the European Union, among others, assert the right to conduct electronic searches in certain circumstances, even where they are aware that the search will take place outside of the physical territory and they know to which country they could send a MLA request. While these assertions of investigative jurisdiction may be proper under the law of the countries or organizations that undertaking such actions, they may be considered as improper by the countries where the data is located, or by the investigated party. As such, some countries disallow such searches.

As the principle challenge to MLA requests is typically long response times,<sup>SU</sup> three of the multilateral treaties on cybercrime—the CIS Agreement,<sup>SU2</sup> the Budapest Convention<sup>SU3</sup> and the Arab Convention<sup>SU4</sup>—seek to expedite matters by requiring Member States to designate point-persons for MLA requests. Relatedly, in order to facilitate the gathering of electronic evidence, the same three instruments provide rules on expedited means of communication or other urgent channels for MLA requests.<sup>SU5</sup> However, as these treaties are only binding on their member States, non-member States are less likely to have such urgent (or clear) channels for MLA requests in place in comparison to member States of those treaties.<sup>WH</sup>

## B. The Budapest Convention’s MLA Provisions

The Budapest Convention is the most extensive multilateral MLAT on cybercrime. Designed with the purpose of fostering cooperation on cybercrime,<sup>SU6</sup> the Convention comprehensively covers those actions that Parties are to criminalize in their domestic law as cybercrimes (see [section II.](#) below), before going on to address procedural and evidentiary issues. The Convention stipulates that each Party is to implement laws giving it jurisdiction over offenses committed: (1) within its territory; (2) on board a ship flying its flag; (3) on board an aircraft registered under its laws; or (4) by one of its nationals.<sup>SU7</sup> In so doing, the Convention combines the territorial principle with that of active nationality. It does not, however, utilize other available principles for extending jurisdiction

(see [section II.E](#), above). That said, the Convention does not exclude Parties from unilaterally using such principles to expand jurisdictional requirements.<sup>IB</sup>

In addition to obliging Parties to criminalize the offenses that it enumerates, the Budapest Convention also obliges Parties to ensure that that state's procedural tools are available to investigate the crimes, as well as other crimes not listed in the convention.<sup>IB2</sup> Doing so is recognition of the importance of electronic investigations in any type of crime, and at any stage of development. For instance, mobile-phone data may be indispensable to human trafficking, corruption, narcotics or child exploitation cases. The Convention's procedural tools are tailored to avoid violations of sovereignty and human rights while still enabling States to adequately investigate crimes.<sup>ST</sup>

Of particular note is the matter of expediency. The Convention makes significant strides towards improving the timeliness with which cybercriminal matters are addressed between Parties. One such mechanism is had by requiring that each country to create a "24/7 Network,"<sup>SU8</sup> a matter that, though introduced through formal means, sets up substantial opportunities for developing the often-more effective methods of informal cooperation (see [section III.B](#), below).

### III. Extradition Treaties

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This section discusses **(A)** the general nature and aspects of extradition treaties and then **(B)** uses the provisions of the Budapest Convention as an example.

#### A. General Aspects of Extradition Treaties

While MLATs focus on the cross-jurisdictional gathering and exchanging of information, extradition treaties aim to create a means for giving jurisdiction over the perpetrator—what is frequently called physical or personal jurisdiction—to the State desiring to prosecute. Extradition treaties are the most common form of international cooperation for obtaining jurisdiction over the alleged perpetrator, often referred to as the "target." Although extradition is frequently included as an element in MLATs,<sup>SU</sup> separate, standalone agreements are often agreed upon. The core provisions of an extradition agreement create assurances and procedures for the custodial State to honor a warrant issued by the requesting State, thereby obliging the custodial State to take the target into custody and arrange transfer to the requesting State.<sup>EX</sup>

Extradition treaties operate under the principle of *aut dedere aut judicare* ("extradite or prosecute").<sup>TH</sup> However, and notwithstanding that guiding principle, extradition agreements are often limited by crime type,<sup>UR</sup> and have carve-outs and disallowances—for instance, the European Convention on Extradition disallows extradition where the offense is considered political in nature,



or where it is punishable by death under the law of the requesting State.<sup>AR</sup> In instances where the target is a national of the custodial State, or where the custodial State has created some other legal basis necessary for prosecuting the target, that State may prosecute and punish before extraditing to the requesting State.<sup>CA</sup>

Where cybercrime is concerned, the effectiveness of extradition treaties may be hindered by the requirement of what is called “dual criminality.” Dual criminality is the concept that extradition can only be allowed if the allegedly illegal act is a crime in both States.<sup>SU</sup> For instance, in the case of the “Love Bug” virus, the absence of legislation criminalizing computer crimes in the custodial State (the Philippines) not only precluded local prosecution of the believed-Filipino hacker, but also prevented foreign authorities (the U.S. FBI) from seeking extradition under the applicable agreement due to the requirement of dual criminality (see Box 1: “Inability to Prosecute Creator of the ‘Love Bug’ Virus,” section II.E, above).

## B. The Budapest Convention’s Extradition Provisions

The Budapest Convention includes provisions for extraditing a target.<sup>IB</sup> However, the obligation to extradite is limited, first, to offenses established in accordance with the Convention, second, by the principle of dual criminality, and, third, to offenses that are punishable by the deprivation of liberty for a maximum period of at least one year or by a more severe penalty.<sup>IB2</sup> This threshold penalty was introduced because it was not considered appropriate to require that each of the offences be considered per se extraditable, as Parties might, in their own sovereign discretion, prescribe different incarceration periods.<sup>EX</sup> It bears noting that the determination of whether an offender is extraditable hinges upon the maximum period that may legally be imposed for a violation, not upon the actual penalty imposed.<sup>IB</sup> Moreover, the Convention allows for coupling with other extradition treaties: where another extradition treaty exists, the offenses of the Budapest Convention might be deemed extraditable offences under that treaty,<sup>SU</sup> thereby potentially expediting matters, especially with States not party to the Convention.

## Conclusion

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The inherently trans-national, cross-border nature of cybercrime has led to jurisdictional issues—over the crime, the evidence and the alleged perpetrators—that require international cooperation if they are to be overcome. The most effective and efficient means of doing so is through formal instruments of international cooperation, as supplemented through informal mechanisms. There is a threefold lack that these formal instruments attempt to overcome, namely: lack of criminal laws, lack of procedural powers, and lack of enforceable mutual assistance provisions.<sup>AM</sup> The three major means for filling-in these gaps comes through cyber-specific multilateral treaties, more general MLATs and extradition treaties.

The most comprehensive and influential cyber-specific instrument is the Council of Europe's Budapest Convention. A leading example of how to address the most urgent issues in the domain of cybercrime, its binding nature on Parties has increased its efficacy and suits its aspirational goal of harmonization in this area. Moreover, the indirect impact of the Convention has unquestionably been far-reaching, serving as a model for legislation, offering general guidance and sparking substantial debate. The Convention has done much to further international cooperation, even among States that already enjoyed good relations.<sup>5T</sup> Notwithstanding its limitations, the Convention has many strengths, leading one commentator to say that

"it is likely to remain the most significant international legal instrument in the field for the foreseeable future."<sup>IA</sup>

# Establishing Informal International Cooperation

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## Introduction

Although this chapter began, and much of the Toolkit has discussed, the place of formal, international agreements, it does so on the understanding that sovereignty resides with States, and with an eye to finding global consensus and to promoting international interoperability. However, formal mechanisms of international cooperation have largely only sketched out the larger space, leaving a great deal for states to fill in through informal cooperation. As the division between the formal and the informal is often subtle, the Toolkit has used the more clearly delineated provisions of international instruments as the point of differentiation, though **(I)** acknowledging that calls for informal cooperation often come from international sources, which deserve discussion in creating contextualization for the situating environment of informal international cooperation. In considering informal mechanisms of international cooperation, of particular note should be paid to **(II)** 24/7 networks and **(III)** information sharing and coordination centers, the skeleton of which formal instruments have laid out, but the meat of which is largely left to States to put on as they see fit. At another level, **(IV)** inter-institutional collaboration can achieve important results. Less visible but also important are **(V)** efforts to improve interoperability by standardizing information requests and authentication procedures.

## I. The Place For Informal Cooperation

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Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations alike have all proposed various options supporting international inter-operability. For example, in 1990 the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution dealing with computer crime legislation.<sup>A/R</sup> In 1997, the G8 released a Ministers' Communiqué that included an action plan and principles for combatting cybercrime and protecting data and systems from unauthorized impairment.<sup>WE</sup> In 2003, the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) issued the Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action, which highlighted the importance of cooperative measures in building confidence and security in the use of ICTs.<sup>GE</sup>

As discussed,<sup>SU</sup> formal measures, notably the Budapest Convention, the Council of Europe's 2001 contribution to the quest for international inter-operability, help lay a shared framework upon which other informal efforts might be laid. European efforts have particularly focused on overcoming procedural obstacles that pertain to the principles of territoriality and national sovereignty, and which hamper international computer crime investigations.<sup>BU</sup> While the highly visible Budapest Convention may largely set the structure,<sup>TH</sup> much of the work is done through a number of general measures European Union-instituted<sup>FO</sup> measures to facilitate police cooperation at the operational level.<sup>CO</sup>

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### Box 1: Various 24/7 Networks

Network Name	Date	Members	Organizing Authority
G8 24/7 Network for High-Tech Crime	Jun. 2015	70	G8 High-Tech Crime Subgroup
Budapest Cybercrime 24/7 Network	Sep. 2015	55	Council of Europe
INTERPOL Global Police Communications System	Jun. 2015	136	INTERPOL

## II. 24/7 Networks

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With borders serving as no hindrance to cybercriminals, and with time zones often helping to cloak their illegal activities from immediate notice, effectively combatting cybercrime requires an internationally-tasked, constantly-active response network integrating national law enforcement agencies. Because "crime never sleeps," individual countries should designate directly reachable point-persons for every hour of every day, with contact information kept current. In order for 24/7 networks to operate effectively, national point-persons must understand both their own legal

and policy framework; how their domestic arrangements intersect and interact with the larger international systems function; have the minimum technical knowledge to understand cybercriminal behavior; and must be capable of communicating in foreign languages, with English language skills being a minimum.<sup>TH</sup>

Several authorities have created such a network, three of which are of particular note: **(A)** the G8,<sup>AM</sup> **(B)** the Budapest Convention and **(C)** INTERPOL.

## A. G8 24/7 Network for Data Preservation

Through its Lyon-Roma<sup>TH</sup> High Tech Crime Subgroup (HTCSG),<sup>WI</sup> the G8 proposed its 24/7 Network for Data Preservation.<sup>OA</sup> Becoming operative in 1999,<sup>GL</sup> and gaining further impetus from the G8 Deauville summit in 2011<sup>KJ</sup>, the Network has 70 members today. Its focus is creating cyber-specialized points of contact for incidences requiring urgent assistance with investigations involving electronic evidence. The Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) of the U.S. Department of Justice manages new memberships and is responsible for periodic updates of information on the point of contacts. Further efforts to develop a training initiative will further develop not only the necessary cyber security capacity building, but also boost international understanding and cooperation.<sup>OF</sup> An example of informal international cooperation facilitated through international instruments, such trainings are not only a vital part in the fight against cybercrime, but an example of the propulsive effect that international agreements and instruments—even if not formalized at the level of a treaty—can have.

## B. Budapest Convention 24/7 High Tech Crime Points of Contact Network

The Budapest Convention requires Parties to create a 24/7 High Tech Crime Points of Contact Network.<sup>SU</sup> Parties are required to “designate a point of contact available on a twenty-four hour, seven-day-a-week basis, in order to ensure the provision of immediate assistance for the purpose of investigations or proceedings concerning criminal offences related to computer systems and data, or for the collection of evidence in electronic form of a criminal offence.”<sup>IB</sup> That assistance is intended to facilitate the provision of technical assistance, data preservation, evidence collection, legal aid and assistance locating suspects.<sup>IB2</sup> The Convention goes so far as to permit those measures to be directly carried out by the requesting state, domestic law and practice allowing.<sup>IB3</sup> The 24/7 Network has proven quite effective, with its “services [proving...] invaluable in helping to ensure that investigators could preserve and seek the information they needed to investigate the emergency.”<sup>AS</sup>

## C. INTERPOL I-24/7 Global Police Communications System

INTERPOL's I-24/7 global police—which it calls the “foundation of information exchange between the world's police”—is a worldwide communications system connecting law enforcement officers in INTERPOL member countries.<sup>IN</sup> Through each country's domestically-staffed National Central Bureau (NCB), authorized users—typically frontline officers—can share sensitive and urgent police information with their counterparts around the globe on a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year basis with direct access to INTERPOL's range of criminal databases, including databases on suspected criminals or wanted persons, stolen and lost travel documents, stolen motor vehicles, fingerprints, DNA profiles, stolen administrative documents and stolen works of art.<sup>IB4</sup> Preparations are underway to extent access to INTERPOL services beyond the NCB to additional frontline officers, including immigration and customs officials.<sup>IB5</sup> In order to further expedite assistance, each state's NCB designates a National Central Reference Point for Computer-Related Crime (NCRP) available through an INTERPOL-managed hotline. Among other things, it features an early warning system between cybercrime investigation units.

### Box 2: Korea Activates 24/7 Network to Secure Digital Evidence

On 23 December 2014, cybercriminals successfully hacked the computer systems of South Korea's state-run nuclear operator, Korea Hydro and Nuclear Power Co. Ltd. (KHNP).<sup>HA</sup> KHNP, which operates Korea's 23 large reactors and its many hydroelectric plants, is responsible for about 40% of the country's electric power supply.<sup>IB6</sup> Although there was no evidence that the nuclear controls systems was hacked, sensitive information, including blueprints of nuclear plant equipment, electricity flow charts and estimates of radiation exposure among local residents, was stolen, some of which was posted on the internet via Twitter.<sup>CA</sup> The hackers demanded that three of the reactors be shut down, as well as an unspecified amount of money, threatening, in a message posted on Twitter, to “bring destruction” to the power plants if the demands were not met.<sup>PI</sup>

Utilizing the G8 24/7 Network, the Korean point of contact sent email and telephone requests to the U.S. point of contact asking that digital evidence in the relevant Social Networking Service (SNS) accounts to be preserved. The U.S. point of contact subsequently turned to the ISPs managing the relevant accounts, activating protocols enabling the disclosure of evidence in emergency situations. Within twenty-four hours after the request, information on the offenders' SNS accounts and access logs had been delivered to the Korean investigative team.

### III. Information Sharing and Coordination Centers

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While cooperative 24/7 networks can help preserve digital evidence located in other jurisdictions,<sup>SU</sup> law enforcement has repeatedly lamented the absence of mechanisms to enter electronic networks and to expeditiously preserve computer data, such as connection logs.<sup>UN</sup> Due to cybercrime's inherently transnational and cross-jurisdictional nature, cybercriminals can attack multiple targets at any moment from any part of the world. As such, leaving a country's law enforcement to independently conduct investigations could end up with only partial findings. Moreover, operating independently might inadvertently—and inopportunistically—influence investigations in other countries, for instance, by alerting targets, disclosing information, or destroying evidence. Furthermore, the deterrent effect is limited where only certain members of multinational crimes are prosecuted; such is especially true in instances where a country lacks the capacity or resources to investigate and prosecute, thereby encouraging cybercriminals to act with impunity.

Several global information sharing and coordination centers have emerged, notably **(A)** the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation, **(B)** Europol's European Cybercrime Center, **(C)** the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit, **(D)** the National Cyber-Forensics & Training Alliance, **(E)** the Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative and **(F)** the initiatives of the Organization of American States.

#### A. The INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation

Recognizing that technological developments mean police worldwide face an increasingly challenging operational and cross-global landscape, the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI) opened in Singapore in June 2015.<sup>TH</sup> A cutting-edge research and development facility for the identification of crimes and criminals, innovative training, operational support and partnerships, the IGCI places an emphasis on developing and enhancing open-source forensics tools for local law enforcement. Recent technical innovations have transformed the nature of crime fighting, and open-source forensics tools, which are particularly useful for police departments in poor and developing nations. In addition to improving formal, national capacity-building by encouraging and supporting domestic development, the IGCI also supports informal cooperation by stationing police officials from various countries at its headquarters. As such, the IGCI furthers both information sharing and inter-governmental coordination. The IGCI is the product of recognition that combatting cybercrime requires interoperability in both formal and informal ways.

Effectively INTERPOL's innovation center, the IGCI is a space for law enforcement to learn about the latest cybercrimes, and to have their work supported by state-of-the-art digital forensics laboratories and research stations. Moreover, as real-time access to criminal data is crucial in today's technologically innovative and rapidly changing world, private sector and academia, the IGCI also serves as important means for building innovative public-private partnerships by integrating the private sector and academia into its activities. The digital forensic laboratory conducts analysis



of criminal trends, text of forensic devices, development of best practices, and empowerment training. The cyber fusion center analyzes information from the private sector and academia, which it provides to Member States in support of their investigations.

The placement of the IGCI in Asia was not merely a piece of savvy politicking<sup>IT</sup> but a conscientious decision: by working in coordination with INTERPOL's General Secretariat, seated in Lyon,<sup>ST</sup> France, and its recent Command and Coordination Centre (CCC) in Buenos Aires,<sup>CO</sup> constant, global coverage is guaranteed.<sup>IN</sup> This strategic geographic placement facilitates the combatting of cybercrimes that have targets in multiple jurisdictions, and which often take place using co-conspirators located in various countries, using ICT systems sitting in equally divergent countries.

## B. Europol's European Cybercrime Center

Another model for information sharing and coordination is Europol's European Cybercrime Center (EC3).<sup>EU</sup> Set up in January 2013, EC3 is tasked with following cybercrimes committed by organized groups (especially, *e.g.*, online fraud); that cause serious harm to the victim (*e.g.*, online child sexual exploitation); and that affect critical EU infrastructure and information systems (*e.g.*, cyberattacks).<sup>EC</sup> As with the IGCI, EC3 collects criminal information, supports investigation, assists in digital forensic, research and development, and education and training.

Strategically situated within Europol both to draw on Europol's existing law enforcement capacity and to expand Europol's existing capabilities, EC3 serves as the central EU hub for criminal information and intelligence, while also supporting Member States' operations, providing strategic analysis products and providing highly specialized technical and digital forensic support capabilities.<sup>IB</sup> Staffed by cyber liaisons officers and analysts seconded from EU Member States, as well as from certain non-Member States, EC3 also supports training and capacity building and serves as a comprehensive outreach function connecting cybercrime related law enforcement authorities with the private sector, academia and other non-law enforcement partners.<sup>IB2</sup>

The value of coordination and cooperation has been recognized, leading to the creation of the Joint Cybercrime Action Taskforce (J-CAT). Launched in September 2014 as a six-month project to facilitate joint investigations, the Taskforce has the objective of proactively driving intelligence-led, coordinated action against key cybercrime threats and top targets.<sup>EC2</sup> J-CAT is specifically involved with high-tech crimes (such as malware, botnets, and intrusion), crime facilitation (bulletproof hosting, counter-anti-virus services, infrastructure leasing and rental, money laundering, including virtual currencies, etc.), online fraud (online payment systems, carding, social engineering) and the various aspects of child sexual exploitation online.<sup>IB3</sup>

## C. European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit

Police-to-police efforts are not the only forms of international information sharing and operational coordination. The EU's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust) is an example of international judicial coordination. Set up in February 2002 (but with its origins going back to 1999),<sup>EU</sup> it is composed of national prosecutors, magistrates, and police officers of equivalent competence that are detached from each Member State according to their own legal system. Its mission, enshrined at the heart of the EU in the Treaty of Lisbon, is "to support and strengthen coordination and cooperation between national investigating and prosecuting authorities in relation to serious crime affecting two or more Member States [...]".<sup>U</sup> In particular, it assists by facilitating the execution of MLATs and extradition treaties.<sup>EU2</sup> Eurojust also has been central to negotiating cooperation agreements with third States and with other EU agencies, allowing the exchange of judicial information and personal data.<sup>SU</sup>

Eurojust maintains a network of contact points worldwide that serve as "active intermediaries," including the 28 EU Member States, as well as contact points in 23 non-Member States.<sup>CO</sup> It also has privileged relationships with the European Judicial Network (EJN), Europol, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), and Liaison Magistrates.<sup>IB</sup> In this discussion, the relationship with EJN, which is composed of more than 300 national Contact Points throughout the 28 Member States, is of particular note.<sup>U</sup> Although not an EU entity, it bears noting that the Global Prosecutors E-crime Network (GPEN) of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP)<sup>FO</sup> provides networks of national contact points for the facilitation of judicial cooperation, with which Eurojust frequently communicates. These networks focus on personnel exchanges designated by nations and interchanges of expertise by organizing regular conferences and meetings, as well as publishing relevant materials.

Now permanently seated in The Hague alongside Europol,<sup>SU</sup> Eurojust's appropriately competence covers the same types of crime and offences for which Europol has competence, including terrorism, drug trafficking, trafficking in human beings, counterfeiting, money laundering, computer crime, crime against property or public goods including fraud and corruption, criminal offences affecting the European Community's financial interests, environmental crime and participation in a criminal organization.<sup>SU2</sup> For matters beyond those for which it has competence, Eurojust may be called to assist in investigations and prosecutions at the request of a Member State.<sup>IB</sup> Eurojust serves as organizational and orchestrating authority for cross-Member matters, with power to ask the competent authorities of the Member States concerned to investigate or prosecute specific acts, coordinate with one another, accept that one country is better placed to prosecute than another, set up a Joint Investigation Team, and provide Eurojust with information necessary to carry out its tasks.<sup>IB2</sup>

In December 2008, Ministers of Member States at the Justice and Home Affairs Council adopted a revised Council Decision on the strengthening of Eurojust, notably by increasing information interchange, and making Eurojust available to national authorities on a 24/7 basis.<sup>IB3</sup>

### Box 3: Operation BlackShades

BlackShades was an organization developing and selling malware that enabled buyers to infect and take control of computers—for instance, one buyer infected at least 2,000 computers, controlling the victims' webcams to take pictures of women and girls.<sup>OP</sup> An FBI investigation revealed links to several EU Member States,<sup>IN</sup> certain of which had already begun their own independent investigations.<sup>SU</sup> Sellers and users of BlackShades malware were targeted by judicial and law enforcement authorities in 16 States during this worldwide investigation.<sup>IB</sup>

Eurojust, supported by EC3, subsequently coordinated a common operation. Beginning in November 2013 with information sharing and the coordinating of actions, the operation culminated in May 2014 with a two-day strike involving actions in sixteen countries (the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, the UK, Finland, Austria, Estonia, Denmark, Italy, Croatia, the USA, Canada, Chile, Switzerland and Moldova).<sup>IB2</sup> Over those two days, 359 house searches were carried out worldwide, 97 people arrested and over 1,100 data storage devices suspected of being used in the illegal activities were seized.<sup>IB3</sup> Substantial quantities of cash, illegal firearms and drugs were also seized, as was the domain of the BlackShades website.<sup>IB4</sup> Eurojust assisted the involved States by delivering overviews of the status of the investigations in each State and by providing judicial assistance, with EC3 providing real-time analytical support. Eurojust also played a key role in determining the optimal country for prosecution.

## D. National Cyber-Forensics & Training Alliance

The National Cyber-Forensics & Training Alliance (NCFTA)<sup>NA</sup> was established in 2002 in as a non-profit corporation focused on identifying, mitigating, and ultimately neutralizing cybercrime threats through strategic alliances and partnerships with Subject Matter Experts (SME) in the public, private and academic sectors.<sup>WH</sup> The NCFTA was founded by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) the investigative branch of the U.S. Department of Justice,<sup>AG</sup> and InfraGard, a partnership between the FBI and the private sector that operates as an association of persons representing businesses, academic institutions, state and local law enforcement agencies, and other participants dedicated to sharing information and intelligence to prevent hostile acts against the U.S.<sup>AB</sup> Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the NCFTA has offices in Los Angeles and New York,<sup>NC</sup> and has strategic partnerships with institutions around the world.<sup>NC2</sup> The NCFTA shares emerging cyber threat information and SME resources on a real-time basis across all sectors and with all partners via multiple communication channels.<sup>SU</sup> Foreign cyber law enforcement officers are embedded at the NCFTA for extended periods.

The most valuable and effective means of communications of the NCFTA network is verbal, face-

to-face communication that happens daily, in the neutral environment of trust that the NCFTA has built. Such efforts are proactive and preventative, thereby enabling the NCFTA to give early warnings relating to cyber threats and transactions, as well as to assist partners in protecting their brand, reputation, shareholder value, economic losses and customer confidence.

In an effort to streamline intelligence exchange, the NCFTA regularly organizes interaction into threat-specific initiatives. Once a significant cybercrime trend is realized and a stakeholder consensus defined, an initiative is developed wherein the NCFTA manages the collection and sharing of intelligence with industry partners, appropriate law enforcement and other cross-sector SMEs. Each initiative analyzes real-time resources to identify threats, threat actors and provide actionable intelligence to industry and law enforcement to neutralize the threats. Through NCFTA initiatives, hundreds of criminal (and some civil) investigations have been launched which would not otherwise have been addressed. Currently, NCFTA has aided in successful prosecutions of more than 300 cyber criminals worldwide. Furthermore, NCFTA has produced more than 800 cyber threat intelligence reports over the past three years alone to support these initiatives.

Law enforcement and private sector entities are co-located at the NCFTA.<sup>FO</sup> In this regard, if, for example, a private sector entity, such as a bank or credit card company, is a victim of a cyberattack, then that entity can immediately pass any relevant information on to other NCFTA members. With the support of law-enforcement agency representatives also located at NCFTA headquarters, members can then use that information to open or advance existing investigations in concert with global partners. NCFTA supports specialized and targeted programs, including the Cyber Financial Program (CyFin), which is dedicated to the identification, mitigation, and neutralization of cyber threats to the financial services industry<sup>CY</sup>; the Brand & Consumer Protection (BCP) Program, which focuses on keeping the internet as a safe place for the sale of retail goods;<sup>BC</sup> and the Malware & Cyber Threats (MCT) Program, which researches, identifies and provides timely alerts through data feeds and proactive intelligence on cyber threats under analysis.<sup>MC</sup>

The success of NCFTA is in large measure due to the relationship it has engendered between the public and private sectors. Indeed, collaboration and cooperation between private industry, academia, and law enforcement has been critical to their continued success and effectiveness.<sup>FO</sup>

## E. The Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative

The Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative (CCI)<sup>CO</sup> is a capacity-building program of the Secretariat aiming to assist member states through multi-stakeholder partnership providing coherent, comprehensive and sustainable assistance to reduce cybercrime.<sup>TH</sup> Bringing together 40 international organizations—including INTERPOL, the Organization of American States (OAS), the Council of Europe (CoE), the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)—to form the CCI Consortium, it helps put on multidisciplinary programs in Commonwealth countries.<sup>IB</sup> It brings additional resources to the Commonwealth Model Law on Cybercrime and to the Harare Scheme for Mutual Legal Assistance.

<sup>SU</sup> The CCI deserves notable attention for, while it and both the Model Legislation and the Harare Scheme are voluntary and non-binding<sup>CO2</sup>, Commonwealth Heads of Government have given it an unambiguous mandate,<sup>CC</sup> thereby providing the CCI with unique political buy-in.<sup>SU2</sup>

The Commonwealth Secretariat (ComSec) is the focal point for CCI, with a representative from its Rule of Law Division sitting on CCI's Executive Management Committee<sup>EX</sup> and providing secretariat. <sup>TH</sup> The CCI operates by deploying a mission team upon a member state's request. As an example of the good practice discussed above (see [sections II.D and II.E](#), above), that teams includes at least one technical and one criminal justice expert.<sup>SU3</sup> The team, which is drawn from Consortium members best placed to donate the requisite resources, conducts a gap analysis based on the CCI Checklist,<sup>IB</sup> from which a needs assessment report is produced.<sup>IB2</sup> The report's outcomes, which are agreed upon with the member state, outlines priorities and capacities for reform, which the Consortium will then seek to develop. The program has been active in both the Caribbean (e.g., Trinidad and Tobago) and Africa (e.g., Ghana, Botswana, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania). Notable regional approaches to tackling cybercrime in which the CCI has been central include the Eastern African Criminal Justice Network on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence (in collaboration with the UNODC)<sup>CA</sup> and a still-nascent Caribbean organization.<sup>CC2</sup>

## F. Initiatives of the Organization of American States

Bringing together all 35 independent States of the Americas, the Organization of American States (OAS) constitutes the main political, juridical and social governmental forum in the Western Hemisphere, as well as the oldest regional organization in the world (dating to the First International Conference of American States, held in Washington, D.C., from October 1889 to April 1890).<sup>WH</sup>

The OAS addresses cybercrime through two different projects. First, its Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) has launched the Cyber Security Program.<sup>TH</sup> Tackling cybersecurity more broadly, and that within the context of cyberterrorism,<sup>TH2</sup> it has established Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) in each country to create a Hemispheric watch and warning network providing guidance and support, to cultivate and support National Cyber Security Strategies, and to promote a culture and awareness of cybersecurity.<sup>CY</sup> While cybercrime is an element of that overall approach, it is relatively small one, with emphasis being placed on legislative criminalization and the implementation of appropriate legal tools.<sup>BE</sup> Second, as part of the 1997 *Reunión Extraordinaria de los Ministros de Justicia de las Americas* (REMJA), the OAS set up, under the auspices of the Department of Legal Cooperation, the Inter-American Cooperation Portal on Cyber-Crime and the Working Group on Cyber-Crime, which aim at strengthening hemispheric cooperation in the investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes.<sup>IN</sup> Among other things, this project has resulted in the creation of directory of national points of contact, cybercrime questionnaires and training for building capacity for combatting cybercrime.<sup>IB</sup>

## IV. Inter-institutional Collaboration

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Informal international cooperation can also be had at the inter-institutional level. One example of inter-institutional collaboration can be seen in the Eastern African Networking Meeting on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 19 to 20 August 2015. Organized by UNODC and the Commonwealth Secretariat under the auspices of the Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative (CCI), the event was an important cooperative moment for both States and international organizations. The meeting's objective was to bring together criminal justice officials and key stakeholders from Member States of the East African Community (EAC) and other African States, as well as representatives of relevant intergovernmental and other organizations, to discuss and exchange information on national practices in, and experiences with, the prevention, investigation and prosecution of cybercrime.

The meeting devoted its main focus on the establishment of the Eastern African Criminal Justice Network on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence, in line with the relevant action points set forth in the "Kampala Outcomes on Strengthening Regional Cooperation," as agreed at the East African Community (EAC) Regional Meeting on Preventing and Combating Cybercrime, held in Kampala, Uganda, in May 2014. The participants discussed a range of procedural and substantive aspects for the launching and operationalization of such a network, including its membership, chairmanship and functions, as well as its objectives and *modus operandi*. The network will aim at promoting the exchange of information and evidence between criminal justice and law enforcement counterparts; facilitating working relationships between the criminal justice and law enforcement sectors and other key stakeholders; and assisting formal and informal cooperation. As a result of the meeting, the participants agreed on the final text of the Terms of Reference of the network.

## V. Standardizing Requesting Procedures

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As a whole, improving interoperability on a procedural level requires a greater degree of understanding than it does on a substantive level. In addition to developing sufficiently robust laws that allow for domestic authorities to conduct cybercrime investigations (see [sections II.C and II.D](#), above), it is important for legislative measures to allow for foreign electronic evidence to be admissible in legal proceedings, as long as such evidence is gathered in a way of satisfying procedural legality. While legislative action will be required, it can be facilitated through informal arrangements, such as bilateral agreements, but also through the standardization of standardizing requesting procedures.

Developing standardized procedures for making information requests and authentication would greatly advance interoperability.<sup>19</sup> While such would be especially the case once formal international instruments and systems have been put in place (see [section III.A](#), above), those arrangements might also be reached on a more informal level. Such procedures and understandings operate

by building upon principles such as the flag principle, by which jurisdiction is somewhat more malleably understood (see [section II.E](#), above).

Control and possession of data has become an increasingly sensitive issue. For instance, the EU-U.S. Safe Harbor Framework on transatlantic data flows was invalidated by the ECJ on the grounds that the scheme “enables [... U.S.] public authorities [to interfere] with the fundamental rights of persons.”<sup>SC</sup> The fanfare—even alarm<sup>DA</sup>—with which the decision was received, testifies to the ever-increasing importance of data—for both commercial and investigatory purposes—; and the rapidity with which a new EU-U.S. arrangement (the Privacy Shield) was crafted<sup>EU</sup> and adopted<sup>EU2</sup> reinforces that notion (see [section IV.A](#), below). In that sense, even attempts by some states to mandate that data pertaining to its citizens be stored on domestic servers, or made otherwise made automatically accessible (so-called “data localization”), could be construed by some to facilitate domestic law enforcement agencies. Moves towards data localization, however would likely also multiply information requests, pacing burdens on both sides. Additionally, while challenges to managing cross-border jurisdiction might be mitigated by data localization, the cross-border nature of cybercrime all but ensures that there will be continued need for cross-border exchanges.

As with efforts to improve mutual legal assistance, efforts are underway globally to speed international electronic investigations, while ensuring that they do not violate human rights. However, like the efforts to improve mutual legal assistance, efforts to speed, yet constrain, remote cross-border electronic investigation have not yielded a resolution. For many years, the Council of Europe has been active in researching and discussing the issue of cross-border evidence collection. Much of this work is published.<sup>VA</sup> There is some opportunity for participation by countries not having acceded to the Budapest Convention in these discussions.

## Conclusion

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Cybercrime can only be effectively investigated and prosecuted when supported through international cooperation. Formal means of such cooperation include multilateral treaties on cybercrime, the most prominent of which is the Budapest Convention, as well as general mutual legal assistance treaties and extradition treaties. These instruments facilitate and further international investigations and prosecutions. However, those international instruments can only have full effect insofar as Parties develop adaptive legal national frameworks (see [chapter II](#), above). Indeed, the biggest obstacle to international prosecution of cybercrimes is the dual criminality requirement.

Formal instruments of international cooperation are insufficient and must be supplemented through informal mechanisms. While the bones that arrange for informal interactions are often laid out in formal agreements, such as the Budapest Convention’s 24/7 Network, it is for the individual States to truly put the meat on that skeletal framework. The informal communication encouraged through 24/7 networks might be used prior to making a formal request for assistance, or in seeking



expedited measures, such as data preservation, a matter typically not conducive to the more plodding procedures of MLATs. Moreover, by making use of 24/7 networks, law enforcement officials become accustomed to working with their counterparts, therein facilitating and furthering cooperation and capacity.

Information sharing centers are another important means of rendering substance to the often-barebones mechanisms of cooperation. Through such centers, crucial cybercrime research and development can be conducted, shared resources brought to bear to support less resource-rich countries (including digital forensics laboratories), capacity-building developed, and closer relations through personnel exchange had. Collectively, centers such as those created by INTERPOL (in Lyon, France, Singapore and Buenos Aires, Argentina) allow for global coverage at all hours of the day and night. Moreover, and no less importantly, such collaborations need not only be police-to-police, as the judicial collaborations Eurojust and EC3 have effectively proven. Further, it bears noting that, in a world where real-time information is often crucial, finding analogues and partnerships for involving the private sector will be no less important to combatting cybercrime. Further formal international cooperation and interoperability could be achieved by standardizing requesting procedures.

# End Notes

## Referenced in: Multilateral Instruments & Cross-Border Cooperation

- DA** See generally David R. Johnson & David G. Post, Law and Borders-The Rise of Law in Cyberspace, 48 Stan. L. Rev. 1367, (1996), (arguing that cyberspace cannot be governed by laws that rely on traditional territorial borders).
- DU** “Dual criminality” (also known as “Double criminality”) refers, in the context of international cooperation, to a requirement that the act subject to a request for extradition or MLA must be a criminal offence according to the criminal law of both not only the state making the request, but also according to the law of the state of which assistance is requested. See, e.g., UNODC, Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime, *supra* note 11, § II C, at 202.
- AM** Amalie M. Weber, *The Council of Europe’s Convention on Cybercrime*, 18 Berkeley Tech. L.J. 425, (2003), p. 426, available at <http://scholarship.law.berkeley.edu/btlj/vol18/iss1/28>
- US** See U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Country Reports on Terrorism, (2014), at Chapter 5, available at <http://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/crt/2014/239412.htm> (listing certain “safe-havens”).
- AT** At the same time, it is useful to consider the applicability of the United Nations Convention against transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), a global instrument reaching almost universal adherence with 187 States parties, which takes into account “cyber” crimes committed by organized criminal groups.
- UN** See UNODC, Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime, *supra* note 11, § II C, at 67.
- 14** 149 countries have existing (137) or draft (24) legislation governing cybercrime. See, e.g., Appendix IX.C..
- ZA** See, e.g., Zahid Jamil, “Cybercrime Model Laws: Discussion paper prepared for the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY)”, COUNCIL OF EUROPE (3 Dec. 2014), available at: [https://www.coe.int/t/dghl/cooperation/economiccrime/Source/Cybercrime/TCY/2014/3021\\_model\\_law\\_study\\_v15.pdf](https://www.coe.int/t/dghl/cooperation/economiccrime/Source/Cybercrime/TCY/2014/3021_model_law_study_v15.pdf).
- OT** Other non-binding instruments can also be used as guiding material for national legislators with a view to putting in place legislative norms that enshrine international or regional standards. Among these are: Commonwealth Model Laws on Computer and Computer-related Crime (2002) and Electronic Evidence (2002); East African Draft Legal Framework for Cyberlaws (2008); Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Cybersecurity Draft Model Bill (2011); Southern African Development Community (SADC) Model Law on Computer Crime and Cybercrime (2012); League of Arab States Model Law on Combating Information Technology Offences (2004); International Telecommunication Union (ITU) / Caribbean Community (CARICOM) / Caribbean Telecommunication Union (CTU) Model Legislative Texts on Cybercrime. E-Crime and Electronic Evidence (2010); and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) / Secretariat of the Pacific Community Model Law on Cybercrime (2011). See selected examples of implementation of non-binding multilateral instruments on cybercrime at Cybercrime Model Laws: Discussion paper prepared for the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), 2014, COUNCIL OF EUROPE, available at: [http://www.coe.int/t/DGHL/cooperation/economiccrime/cybercrime/Cybercrime@Octopus/Reports/2014\\_Zahid/3021\\_model\\_law\\_study\\_v15.pdf](http://www.coe.int/t/DGHL/cooperation/economiccrime/cybercrime/Cybercrime@Octopus/Reports/2014_Zahid/3021_model_law_study_v15.pdf) (last visited 18 Dec. 2014).
- TH** The AU Convention is not yet in force.
- UN** UN Congress on Crime Prevention, *supra* note 2, § II A, at 15, Recent developments in the use of science and technology by offenders and by competent authorities in fighting cybercrime.
- BU** Budapest Convention, *supra* note 37, § I C, at Preamble. Nine non-Member States of the Council of Europe (Australia, Canada, Dominican Republic, Israel, Japan, Mauritius, Panama, Sri Lanka and the United States) have acceded to the Budapest Convention. See Chart of signatures and ratifications, Budapest Convention, available at <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/ChercheSig.asp?NT=185&CM=8&DF=&CL=ENG>. These countries were not all part of the process when provisions of the Convention were elaborated. A further 13 countries (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Israel, Mexico, Morocco, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Tonga), none of which are Member States of the Council of Europe, and none of which participated in the Convention’s elaboration, have been invited to accede to this Convention.
- IN** See *infra* § V for a fuller discussion of the issues of safeguards, including due process issues, data protection, and access to information and freedom of expression.
- IN2** See *infra* § V for a fuller discussion of the issues of safeguards, including due process issues, data protection, and access to information and freedom of expression. See also *supra* note 10, at Art. 15.
- SU** *Supra* note 10, at Art. 15.
- IB** *Ibid.*, Art. 37.1, (“the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, after consulting with and obtaining the unanimous consent of the Contracting States to the Convention, may invite any State which is not a member of the Council and which has not participated in its elaboration to accede to this Convention”).
- IB2** *Ibid.*, “Chart of signatures and ratifications of Treaty 185,” at [https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/185/signatures?p\\_auth=XW5Suj2K](https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/185/signatures?p_auth=XW5Suj2K).
- IB3** *Ibid.*, Chart of signatures and ratifications, available at <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/ChercheSig.asp?NT=185&CM=8&DF=&CL=ENG>.
- IB4** *Ibid.*
- AR** Arab Convention, Art. 1, *supra* note 14, § II A.
- IB5** *Ibid.*, at Art. 4.1.
- SU2** *Supra* note 10, at Art. 37.1.
- SC** SCO Agreement, *supra* note 45, § II A, at Art.12.3, (“This Agreement, upon its entering into force, shall be open for accession by any State that shares the goals and principles of this Agreement.”). For additional information, *supra* note 45, § II A.
- CI** CIS Agreement, *supra* note 33, § II A, at Art. 17.
- SU3** *Supra* note 17, at Chapter 5, Final Provision 4 provides that “Any State of the League of Arab States that has not signed this Convention may accede to it.” For additional information, *supra* note 17.

- <sup>IB6</sup> *Ibid.*, at Chapter 5.
- <sup>SU</sup> *Supra* note 10, at Art. 37.1.
- <sup>SU2</sup> *Supra* note 20.
- <sup>SU3</sup> *Supra* note 21.
- <sup>TH</sup> The following are the 12 CIS member States: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.
- <sup>CI</sup> CIS member States having ratified the CIS Agreement: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Tajikistan.
- <sup>DI</sup> Digital Watch, Geneva Internet Platform, available at <http://digitalwatch.giplatform.org/instruments/agreement-cooperation-combating-offences-related-computer-information-commonwealth>.
- <sup>SU</sup> *Supra* note 20; see, e.g., Constance Johnson, "Global Legal Monitor," U.S. Library of Congress, at <http://www.loc.gov/law/foreign-news/article/shanghai-cooperation-organization-agreements-signed/>.
- <sup>SU2</sup> *Supra* note 10, at Art. 37.1.
- <sup>SU3</sup> *Supra* note 21.
- <sup>SU4</sup> *Supra* note 20.
- <sup>AB</sup> About SCO, SCO, available at [http://rus.sectsc.org/about\\_sco/](http://rus.sectsc.org/about_sco/).
- <sup>AU</sup> AU Convention, *supra* note 34, § II A. The AU Convention is sometimes also referred to as the "Malabo Convention".
- <sup>LI</sup> List of Countries which Have Signed, Ratified, or Acceded to the AU Convention, (27 Jun. 2014), available at <http://www.au.int/en/sites/default/files/treaties/29560-sl-african-union-convention-on-cyber-security-and-personal-data-protection.pdf>.
- <sup>SU5</sup> *Supra* note 35, at Art. 36.
- <sup>AN</sup> See, e.g., Anahita Mathai, "The Budapest Convention and Cyber Cooperation," ORF Cyber Monitor, (12 Mar. 2015), at <http://cyfy.org/the-budapest-convention-and-cyber-cooperation/>.
- <sup>SU</sup> *Supra* note 5, at 199.
- <sup>SU2</sup> *Supra* note 4; *supra* note 5, at 202.
- <sup>AP</sup> Approximately 150 countries have domestic laws (either enacted or in draft) governing cybercrime. See Appendix 3.
- <sup>EC</sup> See, e.g., ECOWAS, Convention A/P.1/7/92 on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, available at: [http://documentation.ecowas.int/download/en/legal\\_documents/protocols/Convention%20on%20Mutual%20Assistance%20in%20Criminal%20Matters.pdf](http://documentation.ecowas.int/download/en/legal_documents/protocols/Convention%20on%20Mutual%20Assistance%20in%20Criminal%20Matters.pdf); EU, Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union, available at: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=URISERV:l33108&from=EN>; SADC Protocol on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, available at: [http://www.sadc.int/files/8413/5292/8366/Protocol\\_on\\_Mutual\\_Legal\\_Assistance\\_in\\_Criminal\\_Matters\\_2002.pdf](http://www.sadc.int/files/8413/5292/8366/Protocol_on_Mutual_Legal_Assistance_in_Criminal_Matters_2002.pdf).
- <sup>SU3</sup> *Supra* note 39, at xxv.
- <sup>IB</sup> *Ibid.*
- <sup>IB2</sup> *Ibid.*, at 201.
- <sup>IB3</sup> *Ibid.*
- <sup>RE</sup> Republic of Korea: Criminal Act, *supra* note 14, § II E.
- <sup>DO</sup> "Double Criminality Law & Legal Definition," US Legal.com, at <http://definitions.uslegal.com/d/double-criminality/>.
- <sup>GR</sup> Gregor Urbas, "Cybercrime, Jurisdiction and Extradition: The Extended Reach of Cross-Border Law Enforcement," Journal of Internet Law 16, (Jul. 2012), pp. 12-13.
- <sup>SU</sup> See, e.g., *supra* note 38.
- <sup>SU</sup> *Supra* note 5, at 206-207 (noting "the (often necessary) interplay between a range of government institutions can, in some cases, contributed to the long timescales reported for responses to requests").
- <sup>SU2</sup> *Supra* note 21, at Art. 4.
- <sup>SU3</sup> *Supra* note 10, Art. 27.2.
- <sup>SU4</sup> *Supra* note 17, at Art. 34.2.
- <sup>SU5</sup> *Supra* note 10, at Art. 25.3 and 27.9; *supra* note 17, at Art. 32.3 and 34.8; and *supra* note 21, at Art. 6.2, respectively.
- <sup>WH</sup> While not specific to the above-mentioned 3 multilateral treaties on cybercrime with fast means of communications for urgent MLA requests, UNODC provides as follows, "Being party to an international or regional instrument envisaging urgent mutual legal assistance channels appears to have a moderate effect – 55 percent of responding countries that were not party to any multilateral cybercrime instrument did not have channels for urgent requests, compared with 40 per cent of countries that were party to a multilateral cybercrime instrument." See also *supra* note 5, at 207-208.
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- <sup>SU7</sup> *Supra* note 10, at Art. 22.3. With regard to offenses committed by the national of a State, the Convention is only applicable if the offense is criminally punishable where committed, or if the offense is committed outside the territorial jurisdiction of any State (thereby avoiding the possibility of negative jurisdiction). *Ibid.*, at Art. 22.3.d.
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# Capacity Building

This chapter provides an overview of some capacity building issues starting by looking at capacity building for policy makers and legislators, law enforcement, consumers and cooperation with the private sector, as well as highlighting activities of the participating organizations.

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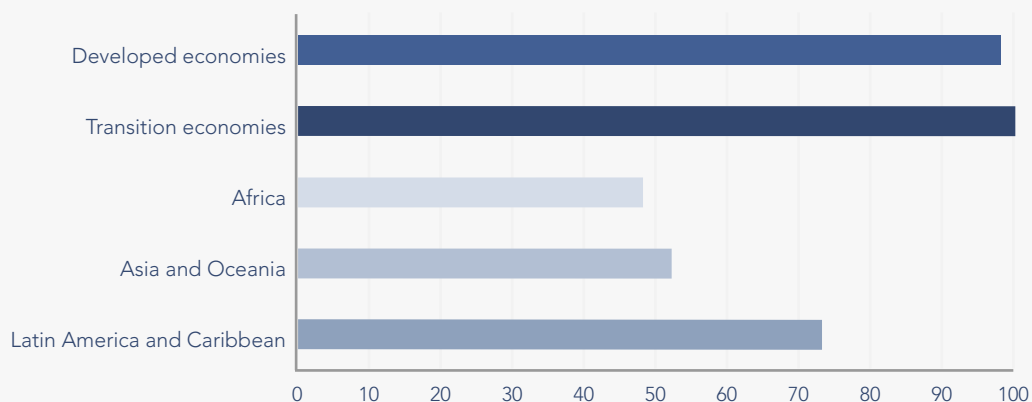
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## Introduction

Addressing security concerns related to ICTs is of growing importance for governments, as well as for regional and international organizations that are involved in creating a safe, digital environment by building confidence in online transactions. As a consequence, an increasing number of countries have adopted or strengthened their cybercrime legislation. According to the *UNCTAD Global Cyberlaw Tracker*,<sup>UN</sup> 137 countries have adopted a law on cybercrime and 28 have a draft law as of January 2016. Figure 1 shows that cybercrime law adoption is fairly well spread across developed and transition economies, but less so in Africa and Asia.

**Figure 1: Cybercrime Law Adoption Worldwide (percentage)<sup>50</sup>**



The development of domestic legal frameworks for combating cybercrime should not be done in isolation. It is essential that the interoperability of such laws and policies at the regional and international level is assured. Establishing common minimum standards can help ensure cross-border coordination on the design and implementation of relevant legislation and enforcement mechanisms. As already discussed, the judiciary and the police would benefit from cooperating with their colleagues at the international level.

Once the legal framework has been prepared, the onus falls to effective enforcement regimes. Cybercrime's facility for crossing borders, especially once combined with the ability of cybercriminals to operate anonymously and both from and through multiple jurisdictions, makes the need for strong, cooperative law enforcement mechanisms even more urgent. Furthermore, governments should strive to reinforce the human, procedural and technical resources needed both to collect and analyze evidence, and to identify and prosecute cybercriminals as part of an intergovernmental prosecutorial effort.

## I. Barriers to Interoperability

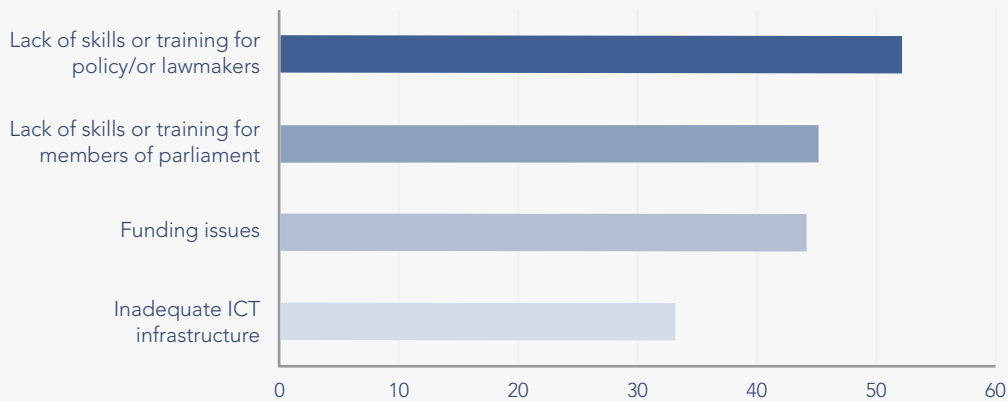
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**The main barriers to the development of cybercrime laws faced by governments worldwide, especially in developing countries include:**

- Stakeholders possibly affected by cyber law have limited understanding and experience with such legislation
- Cyber law may be developed in a number of different ways, and implemented in various stages, all of which has varying costs, and which is affected, and often delayed, by a scarcity of both human and financial resources
- Developing legislation takes time, may progress slowly, and may be prolonged due to factors, most notably by the stakeholder consultation processes, which is complicated by the wide range of stakeholders, but which is essential to building consensus before formal introduction and implementation
- Enforcing and prosecuting cybercrime is particularly difficult

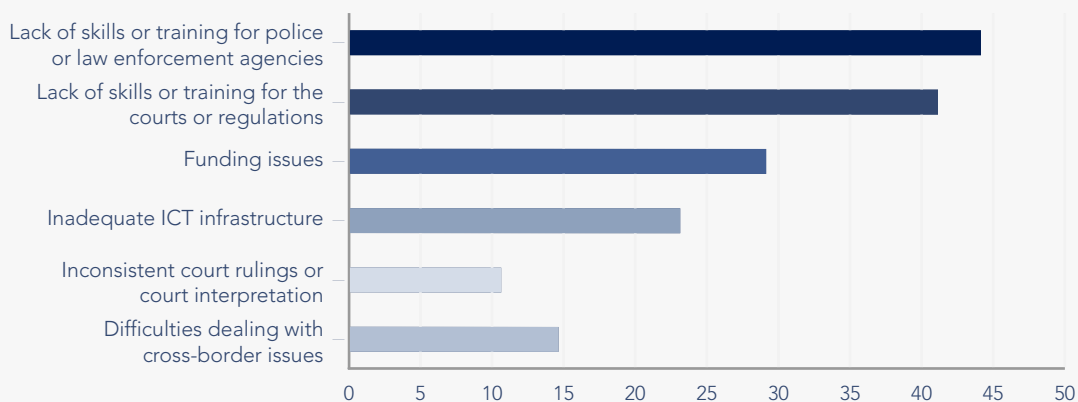
The need for policy and law-makers to understand cybercrime issues and their multinational dimension is present in all countries. An UNCTAD survey, with responses from government representatives in 48 developing countries, emphasized a need to build awareness and knowledge among lawmakers and judiciary bodies with regard to cybercrime law and enforcement policy (see Figures 2 and 3). Over half of the representatives reported difficulties in understanding legal issues related to cybercrime. Similarly, over forty percent noted that lack of understanding among parliamentarians can delay the adoption of relevant laws. Without awareness and knowledge, it is difficult to formulate informed policies and laws and to enforce them.

**Figure 2: Challenges to the Enactment of E-Commerce Legislation in the ASEAN, ECOWAS and Selected Latin America and Caribbean Countries, 2013-2015 (Percentage of Respondents)<sup>SO</sup>**



Other challenges include the need for informed regulators and for training law enforcement bodies, as well as sufficient resources to create effective legal frameworks and national certification authorities.

**Figure 3: Challenges to the Enforcement of E-Commerce Legislation in the ASEAN and Selected Latin America and Caribbean Countries, 2013-2015 (Percentage of Respondents)<sup>SO</sup>**



The implementation of cybercrime legislation is always challenging, especially in countries where resources (both in terms of skills and security systems) are insufficient. While adequate laws and technology are essential for the provision of protection against information security risks, they need to be complemented by adequate and relevant expertise.

With regard to the security of communications infrastructure, national and international coordination and cooperation on matters of access to data and communications are important. In order to act effectively upon criminal procedural needs of specific cases, it is critical that law enforcement have the capacity to execute searches and seizures and intercept communications—

and to do so across several jurisdictions. Nonetheless, a large number of countries are facing challenges in understanding the issues at stake and combating cybercrime.

A coherent strategy to address these issues is required. Such a strategy should aim to: (a) make the fight against cybercrime a priority and allocate the necessary financial resources; and (b) assess shortcomings in terms of infrastructure and human capacity.

With regard to human capacity, relevant stakeholders who play, or should play, a role in cyber security management should be identified. They usually include policy makers, law makers, and law enforcers such as judges and magistrates, police officers and CERT officers. Training and briefing initiatives can be designed based on the category, number, and individual needs of each group of stakeholders. For example, policy and law makers, including Parliamentarians, need to understand cybercrime and cyber laws in general, their application and impact. Training workshops can be organized at the government level, involving various ministries/institutions for 2 to 5 days, while for Parliamentary Committees Members, a general briefing on cybercrime issues/cybercrime law and its application and impact over half a day or one day maximum.

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**For judges and magistrates and the Attorney General's Office—those who need to implement the law—the capacity-building could be done in phases:**

■ **Phase 1**

- Overview on the legal implications on cybersecurity to criminal laws and other related laws
- Overview on the legal framework on cybercrimes and other related emerging issues
- Legal issues information security, data protection and security standards
- Legal issues on cybersecurity and nature of cybercrimes, children protection online and other criminal activities associated with the use of computers

■ **Phase 2**

- Cyber Prosecution
- Computer privacy and data protection principles /cross border data flows
- Legal issues on Admissibility of Computer/digital/Forensics Evidence/E-Evidence
- Judicial Considerations and Case Studies
- Criminal Law and copyright law (piracy & other related offences)

## II. Mapping Technical Assistance Needs

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A useful process to identify needs to be addressed through technical assistance is through the development of indices for assessing relevant threats, national measures to address them, as well as initiatives of organizations. One such example is the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI), which measures the cybersecurity commitment of Member States with regards to the five pillars endorsed by the Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA), namely the ITU framework for international multi-stakeholder cooperation in cybersecurity aimed at building synergies with current and future initiatives and focuses on the following five work areas: (a) legal measures; (b) technical and procedural measures; (c) organizational structures; (d) capacity building; and (e) international cooperation. The objective of the GCI initiative is to help countries identify areas for improvement in the field of cybersecurity, as well as to motivate them to take action to improve their ranking, thus helping raise the overall level of cybersecurity worldwide. Through the collected information, GCI aims to illustrate the practices of others so that Member States can implement selected aspects suitable to their national environment, with the added benefit of helping harmonize practices and foster a global culture of cybersecurity.

A first iteration of the GCI has been conducted in 2014 in partnership with ABI Research and the final results have been published.<sup>HT</sup> A total of 105 countries had responded out of 193 ITU Member States. Secondary data was used to build the index for non-respondents. In parallel, the Cyberwellness profiles of all countries have been elaborated and are accessible from the GCI website. These profiles are factual representations of cybersecurity actions and planned initiatives by each country. The profiles, unlike the GCI, can be updated at any point in time at the request of the countries and are thus considered as live up to date documents.

## III. The UNODC Cybercrime Repository

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The UNODC recently released its Cybercrime Repository, a central data repository of cybercrime laws and lessons learned for the purposes of facilitating the continued assessment of needs and criminal justice capabilities and the delivery and coordination of technical assistance.<sup>FO</sup> The development of the UNODC Cybercrime Repository started in early 2014 pursuant to resolution 22/8 of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ). The rationale behind the mandate was to make the comprehensive data sets gathered for the Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime (UNODC, 2013) via Member State questionnaires accessible to a wider audience.

The repository contains a Case Law Database (CLD), a Database of Legislation (DoL) and a Lessons Learned database. The former two databases are the same databases as contained in SHERLOC, a UNODC knowledge management portal aimed at facilitating the dissemination of information regarding the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime<sup>HT2</sup> and its three Protocols, as well as new and emerging forms of crime and their links to transnational organized crime.

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**The repository, which was officially launched in May 2015 during a side event at the CCPCJ, contains the following three types of information that are especially pertinent to e-commerce:**

- National cybercrime and cybersecurity strategies (based on desk research)
- National cybercrime lead agencies (as provided by Member States)
- Lessons learned – cybercrime policies and strategies, as well as best practices in cybercrime investigation, prosecution and prevention (as provided by Member States via questionnaire for the Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime and via Note Verbale in the form of short texts)

## IV. ICT-Facilitated Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

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While the 2013 UNODC Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime revealed that the criminal misuse of ICT can take many forms, it produced additional evidence showing that children are particularly at risk of becoming victims of ICT-facilitated crimes. The fundamental issue is that children often do not fully understand the threats associated with sharing personal information, photos or videos, nor the facility with which that information can be accessed anonymously.

In light of the above, the United Nation's Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 2011/33, entitled "Prevention, protection and international cooperation against the use of new information technologies to abuse and/or exploit children".<sup>AV</sup> This resolution mandated the elaboration of a UNODC Study on the Effects of New Information Technologies on the Abuse and Exploitation of Children, which was duly completed in 2015.<sup>AV2</sup> This later UNODC Study is intended to promote the exchange of experience and good practices in an effort to address the growing problem of ICT-facilitated child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Findings contained in this Study point to the fact that ICTs can be used both to commit already known forms of child abuse and exploitation and to engage in new forms of child abuse and exploitation. In addition, the use of ICTs for the commission of these acts leads to the continuing victimization of children by facilitating the interlinking of crimes, for example through the production of child sexual abuse material and then through the distribution and possession of such material.

Through their use of the internet, children may be exposed to other forms of abuse such as grooming, solicitation, stalking, harassment, bullying and exposure to harmful content. Organized criminal networks have much to gain in financial terms from the use of ICTs in the commission of child abuse and exploitation. Moreover, the accessibility of these relatively inexpensive technologies means that collaboration across borders among organized criminal groups is facilitated.

Bearing this in mind, it is imperative for governments and other partners to develop enhanced international cooperation and prevention strategies, as well as more targeted law enforcement techniques.

As affirmed by the Economic and Social Council,<sup>RE</sup> children should be afforded the same protection in cyberspace as in the physical world. To this end, legislation, including necessary criminal provisions, needs to be developed or upgraded, and efficiently implemented, principally by national authorities, but also in consultation with other partners, such as civil society and the private sector. Technical capacities for law enforcement, including access to technological tools, need to be strengthened, to detect, investigate and secure evidence of related offences.

The UNODC Study provides a global picture of the above issues at stake and further defines the typology of the crimes that need to be addressed, as well as the appropriate responses to it at various national and international levels. It was based on open source research on the issue as well as the work of a UNODC Informal Expert Group Meeting on the subject, which was convened in Vienna from 23 to 25 September 2013, and which brought together experts from international organizations, law enforcement, other relevant practitioners and members of the academia. The Study also forms part of UNODC's technical assistance tools in the area of prevention and combatting of cybercrime.

As such, the Study as a concrete tool, coupled with accumulated expertise of UNODC in the area of capacity-building as a response to cybercrime, can definitely be used in order to promote the achievement of Target 1 of the Framework, especially with regard to legislative assistance, as well as assistance to strengthen law enforcement and investigative capacities to address child sexual abuse material online.

## V. How to Address the Capacity-Building Challenge?

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Addressing the capacity-building challenge requires **(A)** a general understanding of the diverse capacity-building issues, before **(B)** a more targeted understanding of how internal capacity can be built to, specifically, improve international cooperation and, lastly, **(C)** discussing the place for knowledge sharing and dissemination at all levels, including citizen awareness.

### A. General Capacity-Building Issues

Policy and law makers, as well as criminal justice and law enforcement personnel, especially in developing countries, need training in combating cybercrime. Capacity-building at the level of national law enforcement and criminal justice systems, in particular, is critical. While the majority of countries have begun to put in place specialized structures for the investigation of cybercrime and crimes involving electronic evidence, in many countries those structures are underfunded and suffer from a lack of capacity. As digital evidence becomes increasingly pervasive in investigating “conventional” crimes, law enforcement authorities may need to make clear distinctions between cybercrime investigators and digital forensic laboratory capacity, establishing clear workflows. Front-line law enforcement officers may also increasingly need to acquire and deploy basic skills, such as



those used to produce a sound forensic image of an electronic storage device.

Moreover, as new technological developments such as anonymizing networks, high-grade encryption and virtual currencies become commonplace in cybercrime, investigators will also have to adopt new strategies. Law enforcement authorities may, for example, look to strengthen partnerships with academic research groups that focus on the development of technical methodologies in areas such as the characterization and investigation of virtual currency transactions.

Investigators may also need to consider how special investigative techniques, such as surveillance, undercover operations, using informants and controlled delivery in the case of the online sales of illicit goods, might be used alongside internet investigations and digital forensic techniques.

Overall, it is clear that capacity-building for law enforcement and criminal justice actors on combating cybercrime will be an ongoing and continuous process, as technology and criminal innovations continue at a rapid pace.

## B. Increasing Internal Capacity to Improve International Cooperation

A specific area of technical assistance to which UNODC devotes particular attention is that of capacity building in the area of international cooperation to combat cybercrime. Apart from its legislative assistance and in an effort to help practitioners draft effective and accurate MLA requests, receive more useful responses and streamline the relevant process, UNODC has developed a Mutual Legal Assistance Request Writer Tool (MLA Tool), which can be used for all serious offences and not just those covered by international conventions.<sup>AV3</sup>

After the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (October 2014), UNODC has been working intensively to revise and update the MLA Tool. The redeveloped content and structure of the tool were finalized in May 2016, thus enabling the launching of a pilot phase to test its use in practice. Currently, the Tool is available in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Portuguese, Bosnian, Croatian Montenegrin and Serbian.<sup>1B</sup> The first countries where the redeveloped tool is to be tested are Ethiopia, Uganda and Kenya in July 2016. The findings of the pilot testing will be brought to the attention of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime at its eighth session in October 2016.

The new guiding elements in the revised text of the MLA Tool include an additional “digital evidence module”. That module takes into account all pertinent developments in the field of international cooperation to combat cybercrime, and covers the following forms of cooperation: (a) expedited preservation of stored computer data; (b) ensuring access to stored computer data; and (c) real-time collection of traffic data.

Several international and regional organizations, including the Commonwealth Secretariat, ITU, UNCITRAL, UNCTAD, UNODC and the Council of Europe provide assistance to countries and regions. These agencies are increasingly joining forces to maximize their actions (see Box 1: UNCTAD Assistance with Partners, below).

### Box 1: UNCTAD Assistance with Partners<sup>SO4</sup>

In support of developing countries' efforts in this area, UNCTAD assists in the preparation and revision of e-commerce laws aligned with international and regional instruments. In the past decade, over 2,500 policy and law makers were trained in the ASEAN, East African Community (EAC), ECOWAS, Latin America and the Caribbean. The assistance provided by UNCTAD has created a stimulus for countries to push for the adoption of national laws in this area. The work has involved close collaboration with regional institutions such as the African Union Commission, the ASEAN secretariat, the EAC secretariat, the ECOWAS Commission, the *Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración* and the *Secretariat of the Sistema Económico Latinoamericano y del Caribe*.

Over 60 countries have been engaged with UNCTAD thanks to the financial support of Finland and Spain. Capacity-building activities have strengthened the knowledge of policy and lawmakers with regards to the legal issues surrounding e-commerce and international best practices, allowing them to formulate laws that correlate with their regional frameworks.

Several agencies are assisting developing countries within their mandates, and inter-agency collaboration is growing. An example is the jointly organized briefing of Commonwealth parliamentarians by UNCTAD, the Commonwealth Telecommunication Organization and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association during the Commonwealth Cybersecurity Forum in 2013. Another example is the joint workshop on the harmonization of cyber legislation in ECOWAS that took place in Ghana in March 2014. The event was organized by UNCTAD, UNCITRAL, the African Centre for Cyberlaw and Cybercrime Prevention, the Council of Europe, and the Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative.

UNCTAD has built a network of institutions that it regularly partners with on different projects and activities. Many of them contributed to the development of the Cyberlaw Tracker database, which maps laws in the areas of e-transactions, data protection, cybercrime and the protection of consumers online. The result of this first-ever global mapping is available online.

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## C. Knowledge Sharing and Dissemination

Knowledge sharing and dissemination can take place through training workshops and through formal and informal networking among participants at the national and regional levels. Regardless of the approach, it is important to promote beneficiary involvement to ensure sustainability and ownership; and to tailor the training session depending on the needs of the various stakeholders.

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### **Regional and national capacity building activity should aim to:**

- Raise awareness of cybercrime issues among policy makers and other stakeholders
- Exchange good practices among participants from other countries and from regional and international organizations
- Discuss possible regional coordination
- Set the stage for further assistance and action

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### **An effective way to approach capacity-building is to combine distance-learning with face-to-face training workshops. It allows for a flexible training process that includes active participation. Distance learning allows trainees to:**

- Choose the time and place of learning that suits them best
- Exchange information and ideas with trainers and fellow trainees regardless of location
- Benefit from continued support from the TrainForTrade team
- Maintain contact with international trade specialists and other training institutions

Some international organizations, such as UNCTAD, are using models that include distance learning trainings followed by face-to-face workshops at the national and regional level (see Box 2: UNCTAD TrainForTrade Learning Methods, below).

The UNODC Global eLearning Programme is designed to offer on-demand capacity building to stakeholders around the globe on contents related to UNODC staff. The tailored training courses are developed by UNODC in collaboration with international experts and correspond directly to needs of Member States. They are comprised of different subjects, including cybercrime.<sup>TH</sup>

## Box 2: UNCTAD TrainForTrade Learning Methods<sup>HT3</sup>

**Combining distance learning and face-to face learning:** UNCTAD's The TrainForTrade Programme combines face-to-face activities with distance-learning courses. Experience shows that the quality of face-to-face seminars increases (in terms of trainees participation and learning results) when trainees have first been introduced to the relevant subject matter through an e-learning course. The Programme emphasizes that the pedagogic aspects of training should not be undermined by technology. At the same time, the use of ICT as a tool for knowledge-sharing increases the number of beneficiaries keeps the costs down. Experience shows that adult trainees typically learn better in a group environment. Consequently, the TrainForTrade courses use chat rooms and forums to facilitate exchange with the instructors and amongst participants.

The TrainForTrade Programme is continuously developing new learning tools by exploring new technological opportunities. The expansion of 3G/4G coverage, cell phones, smartphones and tablets has made access to information easier. The development of cloud and mobile learning provides efficient solutions for the storage, dissemination and acquisition of information. The tools can also be used to promote interactive and collaborative learning.

**Training the local distance-learning tutor:** One essential element of the Programme includes training local experts as tutors to moderate and locally manage the distance learning deliveries. The identification of a training center and a local tutor is essential for maximizing the impact of the course. During the training of technical tutor's course, a local tutor learns the process of course delivery and the different pedagogic strategies that he should use to facilitate the delivery.

**Meeting the needs of beneficiaries:** The choice of training methods and technology will always depend on the characteristics and circumstances in the beneficiary country. The TrainForTrade Programme uses Moodle, a Free and Open Source Learning Management System based on a Linux platform, in order to facilitate the sharing of information and technology in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Another important way to create awareness is to promote information security awareness within the population at large. Individuals and enterprises—especially SMEs—increasingly need to be made aware of not only the relevant and ever-changing laws, but also of their rights. Doing so is particularly important in order to build trust in cross-border e-commerce. Industry associations and consumer protection agencies should work together to overcome barriers caused by divergent national legal standards. National public campaigns (including through radio and television programs) aimed at informing about ways to protect consumers online can be a key element of awareness-raising strategies (see Box 3: Awareness Campaigns on E-Commerce Laws in Uganda, below).

### Box 3: Awareness Campaigns on E-Commerce Laws in Uganda<sup>SO5</sup>

In Uganda, the National Information Technology Authority (NITA)<sup>HT3</sup> and the Ministry of ICT<sup>HT4</sup> developed and facilitated the enactment of subsidiary legislation to operationalize the EAC Framework on Cyber Laws (UNCTAD, 2012b).<sup>TH2</sup> Since 2011, NITA has embarked on a campaign meant to raise awareness about new laws, as well as aspects of information security in general.<sup>HT5</sup> The campaign aims to encourage public administration and private sector actors to put minimum information security controls in place in order to ensure safe e-transactions. Sensitization workshops have been organized for entities such as ministries, banker associations, and legal societies, national chambers of commerce, the Investment Authority and the Securities Exchange. Workshops have been facilitated by a multi-institutional team of lawyers and technical resource persons, including experts participating in the EAC Task Force supported by UNCTAD. Future plans include the delivery of similar workshops to create awareness of the Data Protection and Privacy Bill, once enacted.

## Conclusion

Building capacity and raising awareness about combatting cybercrime should be a national priority for every country. To address cybercrime at the national level, domestic legal frameworks must be developed. Countries must also coordinate and cooperate across borders with governments and agencies in the formulation of their cyber security strategy. Coordination and cooperation is necessary to ensure a shared minimum understanding and interoperability of competencies internationally, on both the procedural and substantive levels. However, there remain many challenges, which must be faced. These include, among others, resources and funding, understanding the fast-evolving nature of cybercrime, the slow pace of elaborating legislation, enforcements issues, and the implementation of effective regimes to combat cybercrime.

One of the key issues in fighting these challenges is making sure that policy makers, legislators and law enforcement receive adequate training on combating cybercrime. Dissemination and sharing of knowledge that takes place during these training sessions benefits the cybercrime awareness of a country. International organizations, such as UNCTAD, help with the training of local staff (e.g., via UNCTAD's TrainforTrade). Another way to improve awareness is by promoting cybersecurity issues within the population in general, as was done in Uganda for example. Furthermore, to support countries' capacity building, multilateral and bilateral agencies help by assisting in the preparation and revision of a range of cyber laws in order to align them with international and regional good practice. By cooperating and coordinating both at the national as well as the international level, these methods help raise awareness of cybercrime and help building cybersecurity capacity.

# Developing Capacity-building Programs

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## Introduction

As discussed, capacity-building starts by creating the framework and infrastructure that allows for capacity to build; that involves developing an overarching cybersecurity policy and strategy, passing the necessary cybercrime-specific legislation and creating specialized cybercrime units (see [section I.D](#), above). Thereafter, targeted cybercrime capacity-building programs can be launched. Those programs may **(I)** offer cybercrime training for government authorities, with different courses targeted for law enforcement personnel and members of the prosecutorial and judicial services, respectively. However, **(II)** cybercrime capacity-building programs must be client-driven in order to be effective, meaning that, while donor and partners might well bring their own interests and expertise, in order for the program to be truly efficacious, it must be client-owned. This section concludes by **(III)** exploring the Council of Europe's experience with capacity-building programs by considering the Budapest Convention and by looking at several project examples.

## I. Offering Cybercrime Training for Government Authorities

While creating units specialized in the handling of cybercriminal matters is important, it is equally important to offer training in foundational cybercriminal matters—including institutional structure and availability of resources—to both **(1)** law enforcement personnel and **(2)** members of the prosecutorial and judicial services. In order to be truly effective, such trainings should be sustainable, standardized, replicable and scalable training.

## A. Training for Law Enforcement Personnel

Beyond the creation of specialized units discussed above, and in addition to creating strategic structures and connections for general knowledge dissemination and discussion, foundational cybercrime training should be offered to those on the frontlines of dealing with cybercrime. Indeed, many countries already provide training on general mechanisms via courses or through on-the-job exposure.

Training is important as all types of crimes increasingly involve or implicate cyberspace, be it in the form of electronic evidence, or through the use of ICT. As any law enforcement officer, prosecutor or judge inevitably will be confronted with such matters, they should be appropriately prepared for, and familiarized with, such matters.

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**Comprehensive cybercrime training to authorities should include the following areas:**

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- 1 Investigating cybercrime.** As discussed (see [sections II.C & II.D](#), above), investigating cybercrime requires different skills than those typically used to investigate traditional crimes. In particular, awareness should be raised about procedural differences, methods of ICT forensic analyses and techniques for preserving the authenticity, integrity and reliability of electronic evidence. Understanding existing law enforcement training materials and initiatives might help elucidate this process.<sup>SE</sup>
- 2 Differentiating functions.** In addition to understanding how the larger system operates, it is also important for stakeholders and actors to understand the skills and competencies, as well as functions at appropriate level, of respective units (from first responder to forensic investigators). Methods of offering inter-agency cross-support, while also assuring network security should all be covered.
- 3 Facilitating cooperation.** It is important that the varied authorities cooperate; such is especially the case in cybercrime, where evidence can be nearly ephemeral and it may be divided and stored in numerous countries. Cooperation for training purposes should focus on creating connections between that go beyond public authorities (law enforcement, prosecutors, judiciary) to include working with academia and industry.

## B. Training for Prosecutors and Judicial Authorities

Foundational cybercrime training is not only important for law enforcement officers, who are the first to come into contact with such evidence, but also should be offered to authorities at all levels—investigatory, prosecutorial and judicial authorities alike. Indeed, while specialized cybercrime units



are most typically found among police services (where discrete technical support is frequently required), such units are very infrequently the case in prosecutorial services and (even less so) in the judiciary. As such specialized services not always available to prosecutors and judges, foundational cybercrime training is of particular important. Notwithstanding the need, training on cybercrime and electronic evidence is very rarely offered on any basis, let alone regularly, to prosecutors or judges. Lack of knowledge and skills among prosecutors and judges persists as a point of concern around the world, regardless of the country or region.

While trainings may be at least in part held in common—and, indeed, should be held in common—it is advisable for trainings to be targeted and audience-specific, especially in light of the division of powers between investigators/prosecutors and the judiciary.<sup>JO</sup>

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**Thus, in addition to exposing prosecutors and judicial authorities to the training offered to law enforcement authorities (as discussed immediately above), training programs tailored to the needs of prosecutors and judicial authorities should address the following matters:**

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- 1 Cybercrime basics.** The course should present an understanding not only of the nature of cybercrime, but how it is addressed by law enforcement authorities. Attention should be given to adapting training materials to the needs of a jurisdiction, to tailoring the training of trainers and the mainstreaming of these cybercrime modules into regular training curricula.
  - 2 Advanced training.** The matter and material for cybercrime being copious, separate modules should be offered for more advanced and nuanced topics, including specialization and technical training.
  - 3 Networking.** Enhanced knowledge might be accomplished through the networking of judges and prosecutors, and regularly making caselaw and other resources available.<sup>FO</sup>
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## C. Knowledge Sharing

All States and institutions face difficulties in curating and disseminating knowledge. While creating special cyber units and cooperation mechanisms is important, standardized training, on-the-job training, and *ad hoc* courses or informational bulletins for authorities at all levels can all be used to facilitate and further the process. It is important that knowledge be shared as broadly and as routinely as possible.

Additionally, care should be taken to assure that dissemination is done geographically—for instance, a cyber unit may be located in the capital city, but, due to the nature of cybercrime, significant cases will almost certainly occur elsewhere in the country. It is also necessary to target

knowledge sharing by profession—for example, judges should be aware of matters such as instances when foreign electronic evidence may be properly admissible, even if informally procured by police.

Although the creation of specialized cyber units and the offering of targeted trainings may imply the importance of knowledge, the critical nature of such activities merits flagging such measures here under a separate heading. Additionally, it bears noting that many officials in many governments are hesitant to embrace electronic evidence, or they may be reluctant to accept training on the topic for various reasons, including that they are expert in a field and do not need to be trained in another. Such resistance impedes the acceptance of electronic evidence and international cooperation, consciousness-raising and training should be tailored accordingly. Routine knowledge sharing mechanisms can help mitigate such mistrust or discomfort. Relatedly, participation in international conferences and shared exercises with homologues of other nations can contribute significantly: the effects of informal and personal connections ought not to be underestimated (see, [section III.B](#) above).

## D. Furthering Public-Private Cooperation

Especially as so much of the infrastructure that is essential to the functioning and “existence” of cyberspace is owned, controlled or operated by the private sector as opposed to the public sector, cooperation and information exchange are essential to effectively combatting cybercrime. Internet service providers (ISPs), financial sector institutions and other industry actors are all essential to the effort to combat cybercrime. To that end, initiatives, including Computer Emergency Response Teams/Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CERT/CSIRT), academia and non-governmental initiatives have been launched.

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**Any such program should seek to do the following:**

- 1 Strengthen cooperation between law enforcement and private sector operators
- 2 Support the creation of information and intelligence sharing centers (ISAC) for the financial and other sectors
- 3 Set up of cybercrime reporting systems (such as for spam, botnets, child abuse materials)
- 4 Facilitate cooperation between law enforcement and CERTs or CSIRTs
- 5 Further private-public information sharing, in line with data protection requirements<sup>FO</sup>

## E. Advancing International Cooperation

Cyberspace is transnational in nature. As such, electronic evidence of a cybercrime is quite frequently scattered around jurisdictions, and, indeed, around the world at large. As such,

investigators need to be able to secure ephemeral electronic evidence, pieces, parts or most of which might be beyond the place of their own jurisdictional authority, often with great speed. To that end, international efforts should be undertaken to train and support competent authorities to engage in efficient international cooperation. Such programs would not only familiarize members of government with the resources in their own jurisdictions, but connect them with their counterparts in their own countries and regions, and around the world.

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**Such programs should focus on the following:**

- 1 Strengthening domestic activities as a basis for international judicial and police-to-police cooperation
- 2 Setting up 24/7 points of contact for urgent international cooperation, in particular data preservation
- 3 Training and networking of authorities for mutual legal assistance
- 4 Ratification of or accession to international treaties and conclusion of bilateral agreements<sup>FO</sup>

## II. Client-driven Capacity-building

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Although there may be many ways to sequence activities, capacity-building programs should be developed and implemented in a pragmatic manner that aligns with the needs of the target group, the client. Therefore, a program should support the government or organization seeking to change. The request for assistance should come from that entity, and that request should structure the way in which the assistance is to be provided. Assistance should not be donor driven.

Generally speaking, strengthening legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence is a suitable starting point to enter into dialog. By contrast, starting a program with computer forensic training courses, for example, without having developed a legal framework on cybercrime may prove to be of limited use.

Experience shows that engagement of decision-makers is essential for the success of capacity-building programs and for advancing any substantial criminal justice measures in cybercrime in general. A thorough analysis of the cybercrime situation and of the strengths and weakness of criminal justice capabilities will facilitate the engagement of decision makers and will establish benchmarks against which progress can be determined later on.

Towards the end of a program (or of a phase of a program), an assessment of the progress made should be undertaken. Thereafter, for that assessment to be of effect, it should feed back into policies and strategies, and reconfirm the engagement of decision-makers beyond the completion of the program.<sup>SE</sup>

### III. Capacity-building Programs: The Council of Europe's Experience

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Of the great diversity of cybercrime capacity-building programs that exist, the Council of Europe has had extensive experience, largely structured around **(A)** implementing the Budapest Convention, but also through **(B)** a variety of cybercrime capacity-building projects, be they country-specific, regional or global.

#### A. Implementing the Budapest Convention

The Council's approach of the Council of Europe on cybercrime consists of three interrelated elements: (1) the setting of common standards, (2) following-up and assessing implementation, and (3) technical cooperation for capacity building.<sup>SE</sup> The Council's standards are fundamentally drawn from the Budapest Convention, and its Additional Protocol on Xenophobia and Racism committed by means of computer systems. Additional standards come from the treaties on data protection (Convention 108), on the sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children (Lanzarote Convention), on money laundering and the financing of terrorism and others. The key supervising body is the Cybercrime Convention Committee ("T-CY"), which not only represents the Parties to the Budapest Convention ("Consultations of the Parties"), but also interprets the text of the Convention, prepares Guidance Notes and assesses the Parties' implementation of the Convention.

The Council's approach to capacity building is aimed at assisting governments and organizations in the implementation of the Budapest Convention and related standards, including human rights and rule of law principles, and in following up on the assessments carried out by the T-CY. In a dynamic circle, results of capacity building in turn inform standard setting and the work of the T-CY.

#### B. Council of Europe Cybercrime Capacity-building Projects

A range of country-specific, regional and global capacity-building projects has been carried out by the Council of Europe since 2006. Additional projects are in preparation. Many projects are co-funded by the European Union. The EU supports the Budapest Convention and capacity building on cybercrime worldwide. These include: **(1)** Global action on Cybercrime (GLACY), **(2)** GLACY+, **(3)** Cybercrime@Octopus, **(4)** Cybercrime@EAP II, **(5)** Cybercrime@EAP III, **(6)** iPROCEEDS and **(7)** C-PROC.

##### 1. Global Action on Cybercrime (GLACY)

The Global action on Cybercrime, or GLACY, is a joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe aimed at supporting countries worldwide in the implementation of the Budapest

Convention.<sup>GL</sup> GLACY's specific objective of GLACY is "to enable criminal justice authorities to engage in international cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence on the basis of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime." The project's duration was three years, from 1 November 2013 to 31 October 2016.

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**It was to explore measures that would:**

- 1 Engage decision-makers
- 2 Facilitate the harmonization of legislation
- 3 Develop judicial training programs
- 4 Expand the capacities of law enforcement
- 5 Improve international cooperation
- 6 Increase information sharing
- 7 Assessment of progress

## 2. Global Action on Cybercrime Extended (GLACY+)

Building off of the success of GLACY<sup>GL</sup>, the Council of Europe and the European Union's Instrument Contributing to Peace and Stability launched its Global Action on Cybercrime Extended, or GLACY+, which runs from 1 March 2016 until 28 February 2020. Intended to extend the experience of the GLACY project (2013–2016), GLACY+, though a global action, initially supports nine priority countries in Africa, the Asia-Pacific region and Latin America, namely: the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Mauritius, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Tonga. These countries are intended to serve as hubs for knowledge and experience sharing for their respective regions. The objectives of GLACY+ include strengthening the capacities of States around the world through the development and application of cybercrime legislation, while also enhancing their abilities for effective international cooperation in this area.

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**More general objectives include:**

- 1 Promoting consistent cybercrime and cybersecurity policies and strategies.
- 2 Strengthening the capacity of police authorities to investigate cybercrime and engage in effective police-to-police cooperation with each other as well as with cybercrime units in Europe and other regions.
- 3 Enabling criminal justice authorities to apply legislation and prosecute and adjudicate cases of cybercrime and electronic evidence and engage in international cooperation.

### 3. Cybercrime@Octopus

Cybercrime@Octopus is a Council of Europe project based on voluntary contributions that aims at assisting countries around the world in how best to implement the Budapest Convention and to strengthen data protection and rule of law safeguards at large.<sup>GL2</sup>

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**The project had a three-year duration, from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2017. Its results include:**

- 1 Annual Octopus conferences, with attendees from around the globe.
- 2 Co-funding and supporting the Cybercrime Convention Committee.
- 3 Providing advice and other assistance to countries prepared to implement the Budapest Convention and related instruments pertaining to data protection and the protection of children.

### 4. Cybercrime@EAP II

A partnership jointly implemented by the European Union and the Council of Europe's Programmatic Cooperation Framework in the Eastern Partnership Countries, Cybercrime@EAP II aims to optimize the regional and international cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence.

<sup>RE</sup> Participating countries are the six Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.<sup>EA</sup> The project runs from 1 May 2015 to 31 October 2017. Specifically, the project aims to improve of mutual legal assistance in matters of cybercrime and electronic evidence, and the strengthening of the role of 24/7 contact points.

### 5. Cybercrime@EAP III

With a similar timeframe as Cybercrime@EAP II (1 December 2015 to 31 December 2017), and similarly implemented by the European Union and the Council of Europe's Programmatic Cooperation Framework in the Eastern Partnership Countries, Cybercrime@EAP III is a complementary capacity-building program. Cybercrime@EAP III aims at improving cooperation between criminal justice authorities and service providers in specific criminal investigations, while also upholding necessary rule of law safeguards.<sup>SU</sup> Participating countries are the six Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.<sup>SU2</sup>

### 6. Cooperation on Cybercrime under the Instrument of Pre-accession (iPROCEEDS)

Targeting eastern Europe and Turkey, Cooperation on Cybercrime under the Instrument of Pre-accession (IPA), or iPROCEEDS, is a joint project of the European Union's IPA II Multi-country action program 2014 and the Council of Europe. Its objectives are to strengthen the capacity of

authorities in the IPA region to search, seize and confiscate cybercrime proceeds and prevent money laundering on the internet. Project indicators include the extent of financial investigations and prosecutions related to cybercrime and proceeds from online crime, and the level of compliance with international standards on cybercrime, money laundering and the search, seizure and confiscation of proceeds from crime (Council of Europe Conventions ETS 185 and 198). It has a duration period from 1 January 2016 to 30 June 2019, and is implemented in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Kosovo.<sup>TH</sup>

## 7. Cybercrime Program Office (C-PROC)

With increasing demand for capacity building on cybercrime and electronic evidence, organizations providing support need to enhance their own capabilities.<sup>CY</sup> To that end, and further to an offer by the Prime Minister of Romania, the Council of Europe established a Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) in Bucharest, Romania, in 2013. C-PROC is responsible for the implementation of the capacity-building projects of the Council of Europe on cybercrime and electronic evidence worldwide. The added value includes specialization, cost-effective project management, competitiveness and thus increased resource mobilization. The activities managed by C-PROC are closely linked to the work of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) and other intergovernmental activities of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France.

## Conclusion

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Cybercrime capacity-building offers a number of advantages. It responds to needs and produces immediate impact. It favors multi-stakeholder cooperation, as well as contributing to human development, poverty reduction and respect for the rule of law, while also reducing the digital divide. Moreover, policy discussions at international levels show that cybercrime capacity-building programs can build upon broad political support. Experience, good practices and success stories are readily available, offering adaptable and replicable results.

Elements of capacity-building programs may include support to cybercrime policies and strategies, legislation including rule of law safeguards, reporting systems and prevention, specialized units, law enforcement and judicial training, interagency cooperation, public/private cooperation, international cooperation, protection of children, and financial investigations. An effective criminal justice response is an essential component of a governance framework that is to ensure the security, confidence and trust in ICT so that societies are able to exploit the benefits of information and communication technologies for development. Strengthening safeguards for law enforcement powers and frameworks for the protection of personal data are an essential precursor to building cybercrime-fighting capacity.



The impact of cybercrime capacity-building programs is diverse and important, substantially impacting not just cybercrime-fighting measures, but positively impacting the larger fight against crime. Results range from increased use of electronic evidence in criminal proceedings; increased numbers of investigations, prosecutions and adjudications; shorter response times to requests for mutual legal assistance; more efficient police-to-police cooperation; and other verifiable indicators. More generally, the success of such programs can also be seen in further human development and improved democratic governance.

# Private Sector Cooperation

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## Introduction

Digitization has facilitated commerce, fueled growth and improved the lives of many. Indeed, it has done so to such an extent that it has become central—even critical—to the way that individuals and society functions—at the most basic transactional level; at the level of information gathering and sharing; at the level of complex commercial. Moreover, digitization has become central to the basic operating of critical infrastructure.

Because so much of the infrastructure and services behind the internet is owned and operated by the private sector, it is essential that the public and private sectors collaborate to both secure that infrastructure and to allow society to continue to develop to the benefit of all. Consequently, cybersecurity generally has become a matter of public safety that can and must be addressed through public-private cooperation. At the same time, there is room to improve and enhance cooperation between governments and the private sector on cyber security.<sup>US</sup>

In discussing private sector cooperation with law enforcement, specific discussion is needed around **(I)** building public-private partnerships and **(II)** some of the notable existing barriers to effective cooperation, with an understanding of good practices made possible through **(III)** the discussion of various examples of existing public-private partnerships designed to combat cybercrime.

## I. Building Public-Private Partnerships

In order to build effective public-private partnerships (PPPs), it is important to **(A)** recall the place of formal and informal international cooperation, before going on to **(B)** outline the scope of PPPs

at large and **(C)** the role of IT sector partner in particular. Additionally, the **(D)** caveat of tailoring government interventions, and **(E)** the need for information sharing ought also to be highlighted.

## A. Formal and Informal International Cooperation

As discussed earlier in the Toolkit (see [sections III.A and III.B](#), above), international cooperation comprises both formal (e.g., mutual legal assistance, extradition, mutual recognition of foreign judgments) and informal mechanisms (e.g., direct police-to-police, 24/7 networks, information sharing and coordination centers).

Both formal and informal mechanisms of international cooperation need to take account of the role of private sector actors. For instance, formal instruments have notable shortcomings regarding cross-border access to data owing to a focus on the matter of provider consent, as coupled with a presumed knowledge of the location of the data in question. Such shortcomings have resulted in increased resorting to mechanisms of informal cooperation.<sup>1B</sup>

PPPs are created either through informal agreement, or formally by establishing legal arrangements. Collaboration focuses on facilitating the exchange of information on threats and trends, but also for preventing case-specific activities and actions. Such actions complement those of law enforcement and can help mitigate damage to victims.

Academic institutions play a variety of roles in preventing cybercrime, including through delivery of education and training to professionals, law and policy development and work on technical standards and solution development. Universities house and facilitate cybercrime experts, some computer incident response teams (CIRTs) and specialized research centers.<sup>1B2</sup> CIRTs play an important role in capacity building through events and information sharing, typically at a technical level. They also facilitate interactions with local police for identifying cybercriminals, offer important support to the private sector for support and coordinate with other CIRTs to exchange real time technical data and technical expertise for tracking cybercrimes. These networks extend to regional groups, such as APCERT and OICCERT, and international groups, such as FIRST.<sup>1T</sup> The activities undertaken by these groups are supported through international efforts, such as including ITU's regionally-supported ALERT cyberdrills, which involves the host country, ITU, FIRST and private sector.<sup>1T2</sup>

## B. The Place for the Private Sector at Large

As so much of the relevant infrastructure is in the hands of the private sector, and as cyber has infiltrated virtually every domain of life, PPPs are essential to successfully combatting cybercrime. Indeed, Interpol has noted that “the complex and ever-changing nature of the cyber threat landscape requires high-level technical expertise, and it is essential that law enforcement collaborates across sectors to effectively combat cybercrime and enhance digital security.”<sup>KA</sup>

Presently, law enforcement faces many challenges in scaling-up to address the ever-growing threats emanating from cyberspace.<sup>IN</sup> “The Internet of things presents unprecedented opportunities for criminals, and for effective law enforcement getting perpetrators behind bars should be an integral part of any strategy. Combating cybercrime requires a unified approach, not just in developing partnerships but in ensuring that police around the world are provided with the basic equipment and training they need.”<sup>IB</sup> However, such partnerships have hereto far been, as the U.S. White House remarked, “at best unclear or ill-defined” with any detailed allocation of roles and responsibilities between industry and government being left unaddressed.<sup>LA</sup>

The development of national cybersecurity strategies, though perhaps structured by the government, must create a space for the private sector as an essential part of combatting cybercrime. This is a shared responsibility requiring coordinated action related to the prevention, preparation, response and recovery from incidents by government, the private sector and civil society at large.<sup>NA</sup>

Use of a PPP-approach is not without criticism.<sup>SU</sup> Published cybersecurity strategies typically approach critical infrastructure protection through a common-good, with both sectors working in harmony to achieve a common goal.<sup>ER</sup> Attempts to enhance the dialogue between the public and private sectors often have been unsatisfactory due to issues such as lack of trust, misplaced expectations, conflicts of interest and government laws requiring a certain level of secrecy or openness that may work against the interest of the private entity in question. Further, in a recessionary economy, with industry tending to focus on short-term delivery of revenue lines for survival, longer-term strategic issues may be relegated to secondary importance. Matters such as the stand-off between the FBI and Apple and the indications of government usage of telecommunications to improve surveillance, for instance, have done little to improve working relations between the two sectors (see [section I.B, Box 3](#), above).

### Box 1: Academic and Government PPPs<sup>TA</sup>

Academia plays an important role in building effective PPPs. The National University of the Philippines and the U.S. Department of Justice signed an agreement in 2012 for a PPP to develop cybercrime experts through Southeast Asia’s first four-year course on digital forensics. The course—, a Bachelor of Science in Computer Studies, Major in Digital Forensic—is intended to develop professionals in the specialized field, particularly in the area of evidence retrieval from computer hard disks, mobile phones and other devices. The long-term PPP is intended to provide institutionalized capacity building and to allow resource sharing in order to face the global challenge of cybercrime by mobilizing subsequent generations.

## C. Involving Information Technology Sector Players

While PPPs at large can be beneficial, there is a particular need to create partnerships involving information technology (IT) sector players. ICTs continue to develop and be diffused at an incredible, dramatically changing the way in which societies operate and driving near unprecedented economic and social development.<sup>JE</sup> As such, private entities operating in the IT sector—the drivers of much that progress—are particularly important for developing crime-solving PPPs. Additionally, private sector actors are often better poised to play a constructive role: on the one hand, they frequently have greater control over many of the critical systems in need of protection and of relevant data, often have more resources than government for recruiting top talent, and typically do not face many of the constitutional and statutory limitations that control government's investigations.

Moreover, the contributory role that IT companies could play is not merely benevolent: as so much about market success is consumer confidence, IT companies have many commercial reasons for investing strongly in promoting safe and secure ICT, both in their own research and development (R&D), as well as in cooperating with the public sector. Given the substantial R&D being undertaken, IT companies have an array of security tools that could support public efforts to fight cybercrime.

## D. Tailoring Government Interventions

While the private sector has crucial insight, expertise and resources for combatting cyber threats, the government is uniquely positioned to investigate, arrest and prosecute cybercriminals; to collect foreign information on cyber threats; and, potentially, to provide certain statutory protections to companies that share information with government.<sup>JU</sup> Government also may be privy to threat information—from both domestic and foreign sources—in advance of the private sector and can collect and disseminate information across companies and industries. Government can provide a more complete perspective on the threat and on effective mitigation techniques, while taking steps to protect individual victims. This can help assuage competitive and reputational concerns about revealing a particular company's vulnerabilities to its competitors, the marketplace, and cybercriminals.

Moreover, even where critical systems are owned and operated by private companies, the public's expectation is often still for the government to ensure the security and integrity of those systems, and to respond when damaged or otherwise compromised. As such, it is generally in the interest private sector actors to partner with government so that, when necessary, government interventions are efficacious, limiting counter-productivity or heavy-handedness.

## E. The Need for Information Sharing

Though important in any area, robust information sharing and cooperation between the government and the private sector is particularly important—and notably absent—with regard to cybercrime due to differences in the nature, type and access to pertinent information and capabilities of the private and public sectors. For instance, having reporting mechanisms for hacked companies to promptly report breaches and allow government access to identify points of entry and other vulnerabilities, or for banks and credit card companies to rapidly identify and track compromised data and provide credit card numbers that are active but not tied to actual identities and to identify and track activity of compromised cards and illicit payments.

As discussed earlier (see [section I.C, Case 2](#), above), when Albert Gonzalez stole more than 130 million credit card numbers, it was determined—after the fact—that the attacks were connected and likely from the same source.<sup>US</sup> Specifically, the government determined that the same code appeared in the SQL injection strings that were used to gain backdoor-access to the victims' systems, and that the infiltration IP address (for injecting malicious code into those systems) and exfiltration IP address (for receiving the credit card data that was removed from the systems) were the same for each incident.<sup>DI</sup>

Cybersecurity coordination is too often episodic or bureaucratic. Across initiatives, a workable culture of information sharing and coordination needs to be implemented. Appropriate institutions must be created to effectuate the implementation of these cultural shifts, as many private actors still do not know whether, when or how it would be beneficial (or detrimental) to engage with government on these issues. Moreover, as the legal landscape is evolving, it is important that government and private sector communicate regarding the appropriate roles and capabilities, and that authorities of law enforcement agencies and regulators make clear potential sources of civil liability.

## II. Barriers to Effective Cooperation

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Despite its importance and the potentially significant impact of a campaign to harmonize the efforts of the government and private sector in cybersecurity, there exist many legal, pragmatic, cultural and competitive barriers to effective cooperation.<sup>DA</sup>

**Several of the more important reasons follow:**

- 1 First, despite the pervasive and persistent threat, many companies consider actively working with government once they are faced with responding to a cybersecurity incident and are in crisis mode. It is important to create a mental shift that will facilitate cooperation that occurs in times of relative calm, and which progresses in an ongoing, proactive basis well before a crisis

occurs and without a cyber incident becoming apparent. Moreover, corporate decision-makers who have not previously dealt with government in a collaborative way may be less keen on doing so when dealing with a cyber-incident and its fallout.

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- 2 Second, although typically having greater and more strategic resources to bring to bear in the fight against cybercrime, companies may fear collateral consequences of involving the government in cyber-incident responses. Such a reaction is partially due to confidence in their own capabilities to handle such problems. However, there may also be concerns about appearing to be giving government access to sensitive user data and the potential for retribution by market forces. Both public and private sector actors are guilty of failing to sufficiently share information.

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  - 3 Third, the private sector's comportment has largely been one of reaction rather than pro-activity. There has been a general attempt to taking a check-listing approach in terms of establishing cybersecurity and combatting cyberthreats. In the wider commercial community, acceptance of a shared obligation for security is, as yet, unestablished. There are many reasons for such a perception, not least of which is the competitive nature of free-market economies, as well as a history of indifference by the private sector, which has traditionally assumed that government will protect them in the event of cyber threats.<sup>50</sup> Robust and participatory engagement must balance wider business community with investigative force.

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  - 4 Fourth, there is no cohesive effort to integrate either small and medium enterprises (SMEs) or individuals into the effort to develop cybersecurity and to build society-wide cyber-resilience. Unlike those working to secure critical infrastructure and creating a shared goal of security, there is hardly any perceived connection between SMEs and individuals to the notion of ownership of building communal cyber-resilience. As such, the disparate consumer audience flounders to find commonalities. Moreover, at the level of the individual consumer, there are—especially in developed nations—reports surfacing of “security fatigue;” such fatigue, it has been found, can cause computer users to feel hopeless and to act recklessly with regard to matters of cybersecurity.<sup>NI</sup> The lack of any cohesive security understanding means that cyber resilience at the consumer level struggles to even identify those who should be partners, let alone those who would be leaders in such an undertaking.

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  - 5 Fifth, official policy could go further to facilitate and incentivize private sector involvement. Indeed, according to industry experts, many government-developed cybercrime centers are structured to focus on protecting government systems and critical infrastructure but tend to leave out the private sector. As such, private sector actors, though possibly contributing to the efficacy and functioning of those centers, do not necessarily benefit from such government efforts, therein leaving their computer systems vulnerable to cyberattacks.<sup>NG</sup> Moreover, and as already noted, substantial information sharing shortcomings endure.



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- 6 Sixth, and lastly, a general sense of malaise and suspicion limits the willingness of some private sector actors to grant government access. This skepticism is two-fold: on the one hand, there is concern that one government agency might pass along potentially incriminating information to another agency.<sup>ST</sup> On the other hand, there is concern that government is spying on the businesses and consumers with which government is trying to engage.<sup>IB</sup> Recent reports of government spying have done little to assuage such suspicions and concerns.

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### III. Examples of Public-Private Partnerships

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Although there are barriers to building PPPs, yet there are some important successes in **(A)** corporate social responsibility, **(B)** combatting online scams and fraud, **(C)** private-sector originating initiatives, **(D)** inter-governmental and international initiatives, **(E)** initiatives in Europe and **(F)** initiatives in the United States.

#### A. Corporate Social Responsibility Examples

Examples of effective corporate social responsibility (CSR) collaboration between crime agencies and IT companies exist with regard to cybercrime, fraud protection, online safety and security and fighting child exploitation. These models demonstrate not just the value of such collaboration but also the sheer variety in the nature of the response.<sup>SU</sup>

#### B. Combatting Online Scams and Fraud

Collaboration to combat online scams and fraud are rapidly increasing. For instance, more than 40 governments work with Microsoft in its Security Cooperation Program. This program provides protection from critical risks to information and infrastructure and helps to reduce government vulnerability to attacks that can critically disable administration and disrupt economies. A company biannual Security Intelligence Report provides in-depth insight into the threat landscape of the moment based on data derived from hundreds of millions of computers worldwide.<sup>IB</sup> On average, 17 percent of reporting computers worldwide encountered malware over the past four quarters.<sup>MI</sup> Further, other high-severity vulnerabilities, such as downloaded Trojans, continue to be on the rise. The aggregated data indicates that financial gain remains attackers' top motivation.

Accounting for divergent motivations has also become an issue. For example, hackers and practitioners of military and economic espionage are relatively recent newcomers and have different interests from typical cyberattackers. Additionally, the nature of the attack strategies has changed, with rogue security software or fake antivirus software used to trick people into installing malware and disclosing sensitive information being replaced by ransomware that seeks to extort victims by

encrypting their data. Commercial exploit kits now dominate the list of means of compromising unpatched computers, meaning attacks are increasingly professionally managed and constantly optimized at an increasingly rapid rate. Targeted attacks have become the norm rather than the exception.<sup>IB2</sup>

## C. Private-Sector Originating Initiatives

Worldwide, IT companies, including CISCO, Google, McAfee, Microsoft, Symantec, Verizon and Yahoo!, engage in hundreds of non-commercial government partnerships that offer internet safety training programs and educational literature to schools, communities and individuals. To do so, these and other companies frequently partner with organizations such as the National Cyber Security Alliance or the Family Online Safety Institute. Volunteers from the corporations typically drive these programs and collaborate with community leaders, teachers, and the police force to deliver content.<sup>IB3</sup>

One particularly interesting private sector initiative is in combatting online child exploitation: trade in child-sex images are now annually estimated to have reached almost US\$20 billion.<sup>IV</sup> In response to pleas, Microsoft has designed its Child Exploitation Tracking System (CETS) software, which supports criminal investigators to efficiently organize and share media they come across during investigations. CETS allows units from various countries to effectively classify, track and identify links between indecent material, enabling them to identify owners and uncover international child-porn syndicates. As of March 2009, the Child Exploitation Tracking System has been deployed in 12 countries and is being used by over 1200 investigators worldwide.<sup>VI</sup> Microsoft offers the program to interested law enforcement agencies free of charge and donates all training and server software required to deploy the application at no cost.

So far, this collaborative initiative has achieved impressive results. It has been used to solve several high-profile cases and in establishing an international network of information and communications to help fight the problem. One such success story was an investigation conducted by the Australian Federal Police in 2008, which used the program to smash an international pedophile Internet network.<sup>FR</sup> The investigation led to the arrest of more than 22 pedophiles in the United States, Canada, Australia, and across Europe who, acting under the impression that their robust encryption codes were sufficient protection and made them undetectable, were found out. Such collaborations help law enforcement to outsmart cybercriminals, who typically employ very sophisticated means to hide their crimes.<sup>IB4</sup>

## D. Inter-Governmental and International Organizations

At a macro-level, regional organizations are playing a strong role in coordinating government policy alignment and engaging corporations to address challenges. UN organizations have been

particularly involved in building partnerships. For instance, UNODC has launched initiatives to engage the private sector<sup>HT</sup> as part of its larger efforts to support UN Member States fight cybercrime.<sup>FO</sup> Similarly, ITU has launched interesting initiatives—for instance, in the Asia Pacific region, ITU helped to form the Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (ACERT), and has partnered with national ministries of defense to create cybersecurity information sharing partnerships, such as with Japan. The ITU Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA) is a five-pillared framework (legal, technical, organizational, capacity building, cooperation) that builds on existing initiatives to improve cooperation and efficiency with and between all relevant partners.<sup>GL</sup> Since its launch, the GCA has attracted the support and recognition of leaders and cybersecurity experts around the world.<sup>IB</sup> In Egypt and Turkey, where online crime is a relatively new and growing phenomenon, the Council of Europe partners with Microsoft to conduct training with the judiciary, detailing how cybercrimes are committed, and how criminals can be prosecuted, by demonstrating the most effective methodologies for obtaining evidence. Both McAfee and Microsoft have joined forces with the Council of Europe for a similar training in Romania. As another example, Nigeria has earned unenviable (and perhaps no longer deserved) notoriety as the hub for online scams. To break the mythology of quick financial wins through cybercrime and provide young people with a bridge to more legitimate and meaningful forms of employment, Microsoft partners with Nigerian Government agencies, the European Union, UNODC and youth NGO networks to deliver online safety outreach and employability programs. The programs provide participants with broad-based IT training, offer a recognizable certification to boost job prospects, and additional support in developing youth-driven IT-based small business.<sup>SU</sup>

## **Box 2: The Simda Botnet<sup>JO</sup>**

The SIMDA botnet, which had victims in 190 countries around the world, was successfully taken down through collaboration between Interpol, Trend Micro, Microsoft, Kaspersky Lab and the Cyber Defense Institute. The global dispersion of systems gathered to form the Simda botnet helped criminals commit crimes in disparate corners of the world, making it very difficult for law enforcement to combat. In a PPP with Trend Micro and Kaspersky, threat researchers working in Interpol's Singapore-based Global Complex for Innovation supported investigative efforts, offering expertise and access to unique threat intelligence not always available to law enforcement. With that intelligence, experience and support, Interpol built the case for the arrest of the threat actors.

## E. Initiatives in Europe

While the importance of cooperation is recognized in Europe, there is a wide diversity in national approaches and maturity levels on this issue.<sup>IN</sup> At the European level, the Council of Europe has engaged various corporations including McAfee and Microsoft to support its fight against cybercrime based on its Convention on Cybercrime.<sup>CO</sup> Corporate engagement is provided through training for government officials on how to effectively address threats within national boundaries and cross-jurisdictionally. The European Commission developed the Digital Agenda in May 2010.<sup>DI</sup> It contains 101 actions grouped around seven priority areas, and operates with the aim of both improving Europe's ability to prevent, detect and respond to cyber threats, and of ensuring that digital technologies facilitate growth across the EU.<sup>IB</sup> As a result, it is intended to strengthen the resilience of critical infrastructure, improve preparedness and promote a culture of cybersecurity through the centralization of information and the creation of PPPs.

Responding directly to the recognized cyber threat, and seeking to strengthen EU's cybersecurity industry, the European Commission established a PPP according to its Digital Single Market Strategy.<sup>HT</sup>

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### **The aim of that PPP is to stimulate the European cybersecurity industry by:**

- 1 Bringing together industrial and public resources to improve Europe's industrial policy on cybersecurity, focusing on innovation and following a jointly-agreed strategic research and innovation roadmap
- 2 Helping build trust among Member States and industrial actors by fostering bottom-up cooperation on research and innovation
- 3 Helping stimulate cybersecurity industry by aligning the demand and supply for cybersecurity products and services, and allowing the industry to efficiently elicit future requirements from end-users
- 4 Leveraging funding from Horizon2020<sup>HT2</sup> and maximizing the impact of available industry funds through better coordination and better focus on a few technical priorities
- 5 Providing visibility to European R&I excellence in cyber security and digital privacy<sup>DI2</sup>

At the national level, most European nations are only at the very early stage of developing PPPs;<sup>BS</sup> however, five countries—Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom—have taken robust efforts on this front. For example, the British government has enacted the Data Protection Bill, which obliges companies to report all cyber incidents and violations, and has also launched its Cybersecurity Information Sharing Partnership (CISP), which, among other things, has led to the development of an online platform for real-time exchange of information about cyber threats and vulnerabilities.<sup>GO</sup> Additionally, Britain's National Crime Agency (NCA) is leading the initiative to help network administrators by developing intelligence reports for Internet service

providers (ISPs) and hosting companies. The reports are based on data from the national computer emergency response team (UK-CERT) and the volunteer intelligence gathering Shadowserver Foundation. The reports have identified 5,531 compromises on servers in the U.K., each of which attackers can use to send spam email, launch attacks and steal information through phishing. The NCA estimates organizations acting on the advice in these reports could eliminate half of phishing attacks—one of the most prevalent cyberattacks—originating from the United Kingdom.

While certain elements of cybersecurity protection apply across all areas, and a wide variety of recommendations are available from national and international organizations, there is also a need for guidance that is tailored to the business needs of particular entities or provides methods to address unique risks or specific operations in certain sectors. Moreover, while there is a growing interest in establishing sector-specific responses to cybersecurity, practical implementation is still fairly limited in the Member States. The same countries that are leading the way in public-private partnerships also are the leaders in this field, often establishing sector-specific dialogues and information exchanges with the private sector. Such steps can help promote the most suitable and effective guidance throughout individual sectors.<sup>5U</sup>

## F. Initiatives in the United States

The U.S. government has created many cybersecurity task forces and inter-agency groups to facilitate robust information sharing not only among government agencies but also with the private sector. An example of interagency cooperation is the National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force (NCIJTF). Led by the FBI, it is comprised of 19 members from U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies, and serves as the lead national focal point for coordinating, integrating and sharing pertinent information related to domestic cyber threat information and national security investigations.<sup>NA</sup>

In terms of public-private coordination, the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Cyber Crime Center, an Army initiative, is a national center focused on addressing forensics, investigative training, research and analytics impacting those operating in the defense sector.<sup>US</sup> Similarly, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Computer Emergency Readiness Team, the operational arm of the NCCIC, plays a leading role in international information sharing.<sup>US2</sup> The U.S. Department of Justice's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) works with prosecutors and agents nationally and overseas, as well as with companies and governments, to investigate and prosecute cybercrime.<sup>US3</sup> Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs) and the U.S. Secret Service's Electronic Crimes Task Force (ECTF) have significantly advanced public-private information sharing.<sup>FL</sup> For example, the ECTFs, which focus on identifying and locating international cybercriminals, have achieved significant success in detecting and apprehending numerous international cybercriminals.<sup>US</sup> Additionally, the U.S. Secret Service's Cyber Intelligence Section has worked with law enforcement partners worldwide to secure the arrest of cybercriminals responsible for the thefts of hundreds of millions of credit card numbers and losses exceeding US\$600 million to financial and retail institutions.<sup>IB</sup>

## Conclusion

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Public-private collaboration is essential to have effective cybersecurity solutions and systems. On the one hand, the private sector brings specialized expertise and proximity to the implicated infrastructure. On the other hand, the government is typically better poised to reach across borders and develop comprehensive international solutions to tracking, identifying and mitigating cyber threats.<sup>IB2</sup>

Developing effective PPPs requires the implementation of certain fundamentals that must tie into building a strong cyber security framework. These range from establishing strong legal foundations and a comprehensive and regularly updated cyber security strategy, to engendering trust, working in partnership and promoting cybersecurity education. These building blocks provide valuable guidance for national governments that are ultimately responsible for implementing cyber security rules and policies.<sup>TH</sup> In building systems, it is important for the private sector to be involved at the start of the process, from concept development and through implementation.

The need for PPPs in the deployment of cyber resilience goes beyond simply partnering with the private sector. To successfully engage a widespread audience of individual consumers and small scale business operators, such partnerships need the added impetus of urgency at all levels of the critical infrastructure sphere of influence.<sup>SU</sup>

For PPPs to be successful, a sustained engagement and dialogue around the targeted need must be maintained. Given cultural attitudes and perspectives, the onus initially will typically be on governments, but as the incentives of government and the private sector align, both parties will contribute to innovative solutions. Certain tools for building partnerships—legal instruments, industry initiatives and information-sharing platforms—already exist and should be built upon. Through PPPs, existing instruments and industry standards can be used to encourage dialogue and cooperation on practical ways of dealing with cybercrime that are suitable to all. Transparency and accountability are essential elements therein.

## Annex

### Global Cybersecurity Index 2014 – Good Practices

#### Japan

- In the Asia Pacific region, JPCERT/CC helped form APCERT (Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team) and provides a secretariat function for APCERT.
- Globally, as a member of the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST), JPCERT/CC cooperates with the trusted CSIRTs worldwide.
- International Strategy on Cybersecurity - j-initiative for Cybersecurity
- International cooperation with US, EU, Israel, South America
- UNGGE, G8, OECD, APEC, NATO, ASEAN collaboration
- Meridian and International Watch and Warning Network
- Signatory to the Budapest Convention
- Ministry of Defense Information Sharing programs
  - METI Cybersecurity Information Sharing Partnership Japan (J-CSIP)

#### Moldova

**In 2013, the e-Governance Academy of Estonia and the e-Government Center of the Republic of Moldova implemented a cyber security project with 3 main components:**

- The first component consists in developing a Cyber Security Roadmap for Moldovan government institutions
- The second component consists in developing minimum requirements for digital information security for government institutions, or what governments should do in order to secure digital information
- The third component is more general, raising awareness among government officials and Moldovan citizens on current risks and threats in relation to cyber security

#### The Netherlands

**Intra-Agency Cooperation is done through the High-Tech Crime Unit of the Dutch Police Services Agency (KLPD) and through the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). The NCSC collects information on ICT security and advises organisations on security.**

- The services offered by the NCSC derive most of their added value from the cooperation between public and private parties.
- NCSC concentrates mainly on those parties which are crucial for society, the so-called vital sectors: energy companies, the telecommunications and the financial sector.
- Participants from the government in the NCSC PPPs include the Ministries of Security and Justice, Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, the Interior and Kingdom Relations, Foreign Affairs and Defence, Public Prosecution Service, the General Intelligence and Security Service and the National Police Services Agency.



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# In-Country Assessment Tool

This chapter provides an overview of various existing tool to use in conducting assessments of cybercrime preparedness (mainly those of the participating organizations) and introduces the Assessment Tool developed as a part of this Toolkit. As explained in further detail in the chapter, the Assessment Tool synthesizes various aspects of other existing instruments to enable users to determine gaps in capacity and highlight priority areas to direct capacity-building resources.

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## Introduction

The first part of the Toolkit provides resources and context, presenting the various issues related to cybercrime. This section is more interactive, providing an overview of existing tools used to make cybercrime preparedness assessments and introducing the synthetic Assessment Tool that has been developed under this Project. It begins with **(I)** an overview of the Toolkit's assessment tool (Assessment Tool), and concludes with a **(II)** summary of the Assessment Tool.

## I. Overview of the Toolkit's Assessment Tool

The focus of the Toolkit is developing country capacity to combat cybercrime. Although perhaps axiomatic, capacity needs to be assessed before being capacity-building priorities can be identified, or resources can be allocated. Accordingly, this section **(A)** reviews some of the existing assessment tools—notably those used by organizations participating in this Project (AIDP, CoE, ITU, KSPO, Oxford, UNICRI and UNODC), but others as well (notably INTERPOL and the OAS)—, and then **(B)** describes the purpose, structure and methodology proposed by the Assessment Tool.

### A. Existing Assessment Tools

A number of the participating organizations have their own cybercrime assessment tools.<sup>AF</sup> While there is some overlap of issues addressed by each of them, each organization's assessment was designed for a specific purpose and to assess cybercrime from different aspects. The tables provided in Appendix D identify each topic or issue being assessed by each assessment and also shows whether that topic or issue is addressed by one or multiple assessment tools. As can be seen from reviewing Appendix D, that there is considerable common ground covered by the different assessment tools, for example in the areas of enactment of laws, definitions of cybercrime, and

certain procedural issues to name a few. The table also shows that not all assessments cover all subjects.

**Following is a synopsis highlighting the different areas of the focus and orientation of each of the participating organizations' assessment tools:**

#### **AIDP:**

AIDP's assessment tool is in the form of "questionnaire," and was developed in 2012 to 2013 following Sections I to IV of AIDP's Preparatory Colloquia for the 19th International Congress of Penal Law on "Information Society and Penal Law."<sup>EN</sup> These questionnaires are designed to elicit a narrative response to each question.

#### **Council of Europe:**

The CoE assessment tool, also in the form of a "questionnaire" or country profile, was prepared in 2007 in connection with CoE's Octopus Conference on "Cooperation against Cybercrime".

<sup>EN2</sup> This CoE's country profile aims to assess domestic laws' compliance with provisions of the Budapest Convention.

#### **ITU:**

The ITU assessment tool, in the form of a "country work sheet," was developed in 2010.<sup>EN3</sup>

This ITU assessment tool intends to enable provisions of domestic laws consistent with those of sample legislative language in the ITU Toolkit for Cybercrime Legislation.<sup>IT</sup> Both the Council of Europe and ITU assessment tools do not contain questions regarding rules on electronic evidence and cybercrime issues arising outside of legal frameworks.

#### **UNODC:**

The UNODC assessment tool, also in the form of a "questionnaire," was developed in 2012 in preparation for its Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime.<sup>EN4</sup> The UNODC assessment tool is designed to holistically assess legal and non-legal frameworks for addressing cybercrime issues along with a country's capacity to investigate, prosecute and try cybercrime cases.

#### **Oxford:**

The Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre of the Martin School at Oxford University has developed a comprehensive "maturity model" assessment tool that was launched in 2014.<sup>MA</sup> The purpose of the maturity model is aimed at making it possible for countries to evaluate their level of preparedness with respect to a variety of dimensions of cyber security by allowing them to self-assess their current cyber security capacity. The maturity model assesses cybercrime as part of a broader assessment of a country's cyber-security preparedness.



In addition, the Project evaluated the assessment methodologies of INTERPOL and the Organization of American States (OAS). A brief synopsis of the salient features of these follows:

#### INTERPOL:

INTERPOL conducts two types of assessments for its members, an on-request *National Cyber Review* that assesses different aspects of a country's ability and institutional and human capacity to investigate and prosecute cybercrimes and an assessment of threat levels. INTERPOL also conducts "Rapid Cyber Assessments", focusing on a country's operational readiness to combat cybercrime.

#### OAS:

The OAS Cybercrime Questionnaire<sup>OU</sup> assesses whether the OAS Member States have substantive and procedural cybercrime legislation as well as some institutional attributes. In addition, it is noted that OAS, together with the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), published in early 2016 its 2016 Cybersecurity Report "Cybersecurity: Are we ready in Latin America and the Caribbean?" with country-by-country reviews of OAS member-state cybersecurity readiness utilizing the Oxford methodology.<sup>OA</sup> This is a broader cyber-security review, and not a cybercrime specific review.

## B. Developing a Synthetic Assessment Tool

The overall purpose of this Toolkit is to identify and examine best practices and to bring together, perhaps in ways that they have not been so in the past, different aspects of providing assistance to developing countries in the fight against cybercrime. In doing so, this Toolkit incorporates information and experience from cases, and looks at not only new and evolving means of committing cybercrimes (e.g., financial crimes and child pornography), but also new, evolving and perhaps even non-traditional ways of combatting cybercrime (e.g., reliance on data provided by the private sector and novel formal and informal means of cooperation with the private sector). Further, the Toolkit is not aimed at duplicating existing efforts but at providing *nexi* for synergizing various existing approaches, taking the best from various sources and combining them in a way that perhaps has not been done before. This ethos also underlays the synthetic Assessment Tool developed by this project that can be found in [Appendix IX.E](#).

The Assessment Tool is organized topically according to the general structure that can be found in the table of contents of the Toolkit. Using this thematic structure, the Project examined the existing assessment tools mentioned above, identifying both common ground and certain gaps. The Assessment Tool attempts to address capacity building to combat cybercrime in a holistic fashion. Furthermore, while the focus of the Toolkit is on policy, legal and law enforcement issues, it was recognized that to be useful, a more comprehensive tool would need to go beyond assessing merely "legal" issues. The Assessment Tool has some 115 indicators organized around nine themes (or dimensions).



At that same time, methodologically, the Assessment Tool attempts to bring in best practice from a number of sources, in particular the “maturity model” approach of the Oxford cybersecurity capacity building assessment<sup>OX</sup>, but focusing on “objective” rather than subjective analyses. A limitation of many of the assessments reviewed (including the Assessment Tool), is that it does take a certain amount of assumed knowledge of the subject matter to be able to assess a response to the various criteria; and, many of the criteria assessed in the existing assessments reviewed require subjective judgements.

Accordingly, the challenge of developing the Assessment Tool was to retain the richness of the maturity model approach but limit the subjectively-based criteria and responses of some of the existing assessments. Objectivity is achieved by making the response to each question in the Assessment Tool a binary, “yes/no” response to the greatest extent possible, or to create a clear choice along a small scale of options. Richness is achieved by “weighting” each criterion. The Assessment Tool uses approximately 115 indicators grouped into nine themes. In order to graphically show where a country’s capacity building resources should be allocated, the Assessment Tool is structured to show in one picture all of the thematic areas grouped in a “spider” chart that shows, relatively to the other thematic areas, how a country fares with respect to each criterion or dimension. Each theme on the general spider chart can also be drilled down to a more granular level showing within each theme, how the different sub-criteria perform. While first-time users of the Assessment Tool may require some guidance, it is anticipated that the Assessment Tool could be used in subsequent years to periodically measure progress.

## II. Summary of the Assessment Tool

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### A. What is Covered and How it Works

The Assessment Tool is organized along the following lines. First, the basic structure of the Tool starts with policy, moves through legislation (both substantive and procedural law), then goes on to safeguards, mutual legal assistance and finally on to institutional matters.

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**As possibly evident, the Tool takes inspiration for its architecture from the topics that covered in the Toolkit, in some form or another, as well as from the other assessments mentioned above. Conceptually these are organized around the following nine dimensions:**

- Non-Legal Framework which covers national strategies and policies and other matters of a non-legal nature such as cooperation with the private sector
- Legal Framework which covers national law and whether a country has joined a treaty
- Substantive Law which addresses activities that have been criminalized

- Procedural Law which mainly addresses investigatory matters
- e-Evidence which focuses on admissibility and treatment of digital evidence in the cybercrime context
- Jurisdiction which focuses at how the jurisdiction of the crime is determined
- Safeguards which focuses on three elements – “due process”, data protection and freedom of expression<sup>IN</sup>
- International Cooperation which focuses on extradition, and formal and in-formal levels of mutual legal assistance
- Capacity Building which looks at both institutional (e.g., law enforcement training academies) and human capacity building focusing on training needs for law enforcement, prosecution and the judiciary

In the Legal Framework, Substantive Law and Procedural law dimensions, for example, no distinction is made between whether there is a bespoke cybercrime law or whether provisions regarding cybercrimes are found in a general criminal law.

## B. Other features of the Assessment Tool

Importantly, the Assessment Tool is not expected to be or result in a ranking of countries. It will be available as part of this Toolkit, but it will also be made available as a stand-alone instrument freely available on the internet ([www.combattingcybercrime.org](http://www.combattingcybercrime.org)), for anyone to use. The Assessment Tool will also be confidential to countries who chose to use it (*i.e.*, if a country does an assessment of its capacity to combat cybercrime, those results will be only available to the person or entity making the assessment). A country can choose to release the results of the assessment if it chooses. However, as the Assessment Tool is publicly and freely available, it will be an instrument of transparency and contestability. To ensure accountability, anyone can download the Assessment Tool and do an assessment of a country’s preparedness to combat cybercrime. The Assessment Tool also acts as a kind of “due diligence” checklist for countries contemplating elaborating policies and legislation to combat cybercrime.

# End Notes

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## Referenced in: Assessment Tool - Overview

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<sup>AF</sup> A full list of the existing tools of participating organizations can be found in Appendix IX D.

<sup>EN</sup> See, e.g., endnote “i” in Appendix IX.D.

<sup>EN2</sup> See, e.g., endnote “ii” in Appendix IX.D.

<sup>EN3</sup> See, e.g., endnote “iii” in Appendix IX.D.

<sup>IT</sup> ITU’s “Cybersecurity Index,” (2014), <http://www.cyberdialogue.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/ITU-Toolkit-for-Cybercrime-Legislation.pdf>; <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/GCI-2014.aspx>; and the recent 2016 version (<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Documents/QuestionnaireGuide-E.pdf>) though focusing more broadly on issues of cyber-security, see “Questionnaire” (see, e.g., Annex 2 of 2014 version) issues related to cybercrime preparedness.

<sup>EN4</sup> See, e.g., endnote “v” in Appendix IX.D.

<sup>MA</sup> Maturity Model, available at <https://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/cybersecurity-capacity/system/files/CMM%20Version1.2.pdf> (“Oxford”).

<sup>QU</sup> See, e.g., Questionnaire Related to the Recommendations from the Fourth Meeting of Governmental Experts on Cyber-Crime, OAS, (2006), at [http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/cybGE\\_IVquest.doc](http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/cybGE_IVquest.doc).

<sup>TH</sup> The OAS report is available at <https://goo.gl/4UUfwQ>.

<sup>OX</sup> See, Oxford, *supra* note 7.

<sup>IN</sup> Indeed, there may be other basic due process issues to be addressed as well. These are included in the “Procedural” section of the Assessment Tool. As structured, the Assessment Tool breaks out under “safeguards” the two issues – data protection (privacy) and freedom of expression.

# Analysis and Conclusion

This final chapter offers some concluding thoughts on evolving best practices in combatting cybercrime.

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<b>Carbanak</b> (Anunak is the name of the malware author that is often mentioned alongside this case) (Jan. 2013-present)	<b>Origin:</b> Unclear <b>Target:</b> Banks in Russia, Japan, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the U.S. and others.	Banks (100 banks and other financial institutions in 30 nations)	\$300 million - \$1 billion	Kaspersky Lab, INTERPOL, Europol, and authorities from various nations.	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://www.securityweek.com/hackers-hit-100-banks-unprecedented-1-billion-cyber-attack-kaspersky-lab">http://www.securityweek.com/hackers-hit-100-banks-unprecedented-1-billion-cyber-attack-kaspersky-lab</a> <a href="http://25zbkz3k00wn2tp5092n6di7b5k.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/files/2015/02/Carbanak_APT_eng.pdf">http://25zbkz3k00wn2tp5092n6di7b5k.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/files/2015/02/Carbanak_APT_eng.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/15/world/bank-hackers-steal-millions-via-malware.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/15/world/bank-hackers-steal-millions-via-malware.html</a> <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/15/world/bank-hackers-steal-millions-via-malware.html?partner=socialflow&amp;smid=tw-nytimes&amp;r=2">http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/15/world/bank-hackers-steal-millions-via-malware.html?partner=socialflow&amp;smid=tw-nytimes&amp;r=2</a>
<b>Bangladesh Central Bank Reserve Hack</b> (Feb 2016)	<b>Origin:</b> Unclear but stolen funds were transferred to accounts in the Philippines. <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Federal Reserve Bank of New York	\$100 Million	Bangladesh government reported the missing funds to the U.S. Federal Reserve.	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/business-35809798">http://www.bbc.com/news/business-35809798</a> <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-03-08/u-s-fed-responsible-for-missing-100-million-bangladesh-says">http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-03-08/u-s-fed-responsible-for-missing-100-million-bangladesh-says</a>
<b>Carberp Trojan</b> (2009-2013)	<b>Origin:</b> Ukraine (Kiev, Zaporzhe, Lvov, Odessa, and Kherson) <b>Target:</b> Ukrainian and Russian	Ukrainian and Russian Banks	\$250 million	Joint operations were carried out by the Security Service of Ukraine and the Russian Federal Security Service	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://www.securityweek.com/source-code-carberp-trojan-sale-cybercrime-underground">http://www.securityweek.com/source-code-carberp-trojan-sale-cybercrime-underground</a> ; <a href="http://www.securityweek.com/russian-authorities-claim-capture-mastermind-behind-carberp-banking-trojan">http://www.securityweek.com/russian-authorities-claim-capture-mastermind-behind-carberp-banking-trojan</a> <a href="http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=ru&amp;tl=en&amp;js=n&amp;prev=t&amp;hl=en&amp;ie=UTF-8&amp;eotf=1&amp;u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.kommersant.ua%2Fdoc%2F2160535">http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=ru&amp;tl=en&amp;js=n&amp;prev=t&amp;hl=en&amp;ie=UTF-8&amp;eotf=1&amp;u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.kommersant.ua%2Fdoc%2F2160535</a>



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<b>Gameover Zeus'</b> (2012)	<b>Origin:</b> Money is moved overseas through money remittance services <b>Target:</b> U.S.	individual computers, information therein, and financial institutions.	\$100 million	"Besides the United States, law enforcement from the Australian Federal Police; the National Police of the Netherlands National High Tech Crime Unit; European Cybercrime Centre (EC3); Germany's Bundeskriminalamt; France's Police Judiciare; Italy's Polizia Postale e delle Comunicazioni; Japan's National Police Agency; Luxembourg's Police Grand Ducale; New Zealand Police; the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Ukraine's Ministry of Internal Affairs – Division for Combating Cyber Crime; and the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency participated in the operation. The Defense Criminal Investigative Service of the U.S. Department of Defense also participated in the investigation. Invaluable technical assistance was provided by Dell SecureWorks and CrowdStrike. Numerous other companies also provided assistance, including facilitating efforts by victims to remediate the damage to their computers inflicted by Gameover Zeus. These companies include Microsoft Corporation, Abuse.ch, Afiliis, F-Secure, Level 3 Communications, McAfee, Neustar, Shadowserver, Anubis Networks, Symantec, Heimdal Security, Sophos and Trend Micro."	The indictment for the creator of the program: <a href="http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/legacy/2014/06/02/pittsburgh-indictment.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/legacy/2014/06/02/pittsburgh-indictment.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/opa/documents-and-resources-june-2-2014-announcement">http://www.justice.gov/opa/documents-and-resources-june-2-2014-announcement</a>	Evgeniy Bogachev received one 1 count conspiracy, 1 count of wire fraud, 1 count of computer fraud, 9 counts of bank fraud, and 2 count of money laundering.	<a href="http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2012/january/malware_010612/malware_010612">http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2012/january/malware_010612/malware_010612</a> <a href="http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2014/june/gameover-zeus-botnet-disrupted/documents/gameover-zeus-and-cryptolocker-poster-pdf">http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2014/june/gameover-zeus-botnet-disrupted/documents/gameover-zeus-and-cryptolocker-poster-pdf</a>



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'Operation High Roller' (January 2012 to April 2012)	<b>Origin:</b> Hosting locations and command and control servers mainly located in Russia, with some in the U.S. germany, italy, ukraine and china. <b>Target:</b> Mainly U.S., Europe, Columbia	Boutique Financial Institutions, credit unions, large global banks, and regional banks.	Estimated \$78 million stolen with potentially 2 billion euros in attempted fraud. Attempted transfers as high as \$130,000.	Identified by McAfee and Guardian Analytics. Subsequently pursued by relevant authorities.	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://www.scmagazine.com/racket-drains-high-roller-bank-accounts-in-automated-style/article/247542/">http://www.scmagazine.com/racket-drains-high-roller-bank-accounts-in-automated-style/article/247542/</a> <a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/26/us-online-bankfraud-idUSBRE85P04620120626">http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/26/us-online-bankfraud-idUSBRE85P04620120626</a> <a href="http://blogs.wsj.com/cio/2012/06/26/operation-high-roller-targets-corporate-bank-accounts/">http://blogs.wsj.com/cio/2012/06/26/operation-high-roller-targets-corporate-bank-accounts/</a> <a href="http://www.guardiananalytics.com/researchandresources/researchstudies_resources/Dissecting_Operation_High_Roller_Research_Report.pdf">http://www.guardiananalytics.com/researchandresources/researchstudies_resources/Dissecting_Operation_High_Roller_Research_Report.pdf</a>
<b>SpyEye</b> 2009-2011. (potentially still active: 10,000 bank accounts had been compromised by it in 2013)	<b>Origin:</b> Atlanta, Georgia. U.S. <b>Target:</b>	Victims' bank accounts.	Panin was on Interpol redlist for banking scams stealing more than \$5 million. The malware was mainly sold and used by others. 'soldier' stole more than \$3.2 million during a 6 month period in 2011.	Investigated by the FBI. Assisted by the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency, the Royal Thai Police-Immigration Bureau, the National Police of the Netherlands-National High Tech Crime Unit (NHTCU), Dominican Republic's Departamento Nacional de Investigaciones (DNI), the Cybercrime Department at the State Agency for National Security-Bulgaria, and the Australian Federal Police (AFP). Private sector: Trend Micro's Forward-looking Threat Research (FTR) Team, Microsoft's Digital Crimes Unit, Mandiant, Dell SecureWorks, Trusteer, and the Norwegian Security Research Team known as Underworld.no.  <a href="http://www.fbi.gov/atlanta/press-releases/2014/cyber-criminal-pleads-guilty-to-developing-and-distributing-notorious-spyeye-malware">http://www.fbi.gov/atlanta/press-releases/2014/cyber-criminal-pleads-guilty-to-developing-and-distributing-notorious-spyeye-malware</a>	<a href="http://krebsonsecurity.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Panin-Indictment.pdf">http://krebsonsecurity.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Panin-Indictment.pdf</a>	11 counts of Computer Fraud and Abuse, 1 count of Copmputer Fraud and Abuse conspiracy, 10 counts of wire fraud, 1 count of wire and bank fraud conspiracy.	<a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-25946255">http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-25946255</a> <a href="http://www.wired.com/2014/01/spy-eye-author-guilty-plea/">http://www.wired.com/2014/01/spy-eye-author-guilty-plea/</a>

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2012	<b>Origin:</b> Russia <b>Target:</b> Russia	Predominantly targeted electronic banking systems in Russia, Eastern Europe and the Netherlands.	\$2 million-\$4.5 million from 90 different bank accounts	The Russian Federal Security Service (FSB)			<a href="http://www.securityweek.com/eight-arrested-moscow-after-allegedly-stealing-millions-using-carberp-trojan">http://www.securityweek.com/eight-arrested-moscow-after-allegedly-stealing-millions-using-carberp-trojan</a> <a href="http://www.computerworld.com/article/2502901/cybercrime-hacking/eight-online-banking-scammers-arrested-in-russia.html">http://www.computerworld.com/article/2502901/cybercrime-hacking/eight-online-banking-scammers-arrested-in-russia.html</a>
Jabber Zeus Crew (Fall 2010)	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Bank accounts of medium sized businesses, towns and churches.	\$70 million stolen (\$220 million attempted)	Colloaborative law enforcement effort which partnered U.S. governmental entities with their counterparts in the United Kingdom, Ukraine, and Netherlands.	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/iso/opa/resources/5922014411104621620917.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/iso/opa/resources/5922014411104621620917.pdf</a>	For malicious activities dating as far back as 2009, all the individuals are charged with conspiracy to participate in racketeering activity, conspiracy to commit computer fraud and identity theft, aggravated identity theft, and multiple counts of bank fraud	<a href="http://www.scmagazine.com/indictment-charges-jabber-zeus-crew-with-using-malware-to-steal-millions/article/342375/">http://www.scmagazine.com/indictment-charges-jabber-zeus-crew-with-using-malware-to-steal-millions/article/342375/</a> <a href="http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2010/october/cyber-banking-fraud">http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2010/october/cyber-banking-fraud</a> <a href="http://www.securityweek.com/zeus-source-code-leaked-really-game-changer">http://www.securityweek.com/zeus-source-code-leaked-really-game-changer</a>

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<b>Coreflood</b> (2009-2011)	<b>Origin:</b> Search warrants were issued for control and command servers in Arizona, Georgia, Texas, Ohio, and California. <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Company information (Michigan, South Carolina, North Carolina, Connecticut, Tennessee)	\$600,000 (1.5 million attempted)	DOJ was able sieze domain names and to later decommission the botnet through the use of the NPO Internet Systems Consortium (ISC). FBI's New Haven Division led the investigation, in coordination with the U.S. Marshals Service. Microsoft, the Internet Systems Consortium, and other private industry partners also contributed. The case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut, and attorneys from the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section in the Justice Department's Criminal Division	<b>Complaint:</b> <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/newhaven/press-releases/2011/pdf/nh041311_1.pdf">https://www.fbi.gov/newhaven/press-releases/2011/pdf/nh041311_1.pdf</a>	The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut filed a civil complaint against 13 "John Doe" defendants on the grounds of wire fraud, bank fraud, and illegal interception of electronic communications.	<a href="http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/april/botnet_041411/botnet_041411">http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/april/botnet_041411/botnet_041411</a> <a href="http://www.fbi.gov/newhaven/press-releases/2011/nh041311.htm">http://www.fbi.gov/newhaven/press-releases/2011/nh041311.htm</a> <a href="http://www.htnp.com/easthampton/2011/04/13/fbi-cracks-international-bot-network-that-has-infected-more-than-2-million-computers/">http://www.htnp.com/easthampton/2011/04/13/fbi-cracks-international-bot-network-that-has-infected-more-than-2-million-computers/</a>
<b>Gauss</b> (2012)	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> Lebanon and Middle Eastern Financial Institutions.	Mainly Lebanese banks (Blombank, ByblosBank and Credit Libanais) but also Citibank and paypal costumers	Gauss covertly collects banking credentials, web browsing history and passwords, and detailed technical information about the computer that could assist further attacks.	Kaspersky Labs detected the Gauss virus.	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/internet-security/9466718/Cyber-espionage-virus-targets-Lebanese-banks.html?mobile=bas">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/internet-security/9466718/Cyber-espionage-virus-targets-Lebanese-banks.html?mobile=bas</a>

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<b>Dyre Banking Trojan</b> (aka Dyreza, Dyzap, and Dyranges) (2014)	<b>Origin:</b> Eastern Europe or Russia <b>Target:</b> Mainly U.S. and UK	Targeted customers of over 1,000 banks and companies worldwide. Cosomers in english speaking countries were most at risk, particularly those in the U.S. and UK.	Theft of credentials (identity informational like date of birth as well as PIN codes and credit card details)	The Dell SecureWorks Counter Threat Unit (CTU) research team discovered the Virus in June 2014.			<a href="http://www.secureworks.com/cyber-threat-intelligence/threats/dyre-banking-trojan/">http://www.secureworks.com/cyber-threat-intelligence/threats/dyre-banking-trojan/</a> <a href="http://www.symantec.com/connect/blogs/dyre-emerges-main-financial-trojan-threat">http://www.symantec.com/connect/blogs/dyre-emerges-main-financial-trojan-threat</a>
<b>US v Nikita Vladimirovich Kuzmin</b> (2005-2010)	<b>Origin:</b> Russia <b>Target:</b>	Financial Institutions	tens of millions	FBI led investigation beginning in 2010. Law Enforcement and Intelligence authorities in latvia, Romania, Moldova, the Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Switzerland, the U.K. and the U.S.	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/January13/GoziVirusDocuments/Kuzmin,%20Nikita%20Complaint.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/January13/GoziVirusDocuments/Kuzmin,%20Nikita%20Complaint.pdf</a>	1 count computer intrusion obtaining information, 1 count computer intrusion furthering fraud, 1 count conspiracy to commit bank fraud, 1 count conspiracy to commit access device fraud, and 1 count access device fraud.	<a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/23/gozi-virus-fbi_n_2535282.html">http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/23/gozi-virus-fbi_n_2535282.html</a>
<b>US v Deniss Calovskis</b> (2005-2010)	<b>Origin:</b> Latvia <b>Target:</b>	Financial Institutions	tens of millions	FBI led investigation beginning in 2010. Law Enforcement and Intelligence authorities in latvia, Romania, Moldova, the Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Switzerland, the U.K. and the U.S.	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/January13/GoziVirusDocuments/Calovskis,%20Deniss%20S4%20Indictment.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/January13/GoziVirusDocuments/Calovskis,%20Deniss%20S4%20Indictment.pdf</a>	1 count Bank fraud conspiracy, 1 count access device fraud conspiracy, 1 count conspiracy to commit computer intrusion, 1 count wire fraud conspiracy, and 1 count conspiracy to commit aggravated identity theft.	<a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/23/gozi-virus-fbi_n_2535282.html">http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/23/gozi-virus-fbi_n_2535282.html</a>

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<b>US v Mihai Ionut Paunescu</b> (2005-2010)	<b>Origin:</b> Romania <b>Target:</b>	Financial Institutions	tens of millions	FBI led investigation beginning in 2010. Law Enforcement and Intelligence authorities in Latvia, Romania, Moldova, the Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Switzerland, the U.K. and the U.S.	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/January13/GoziVirusDocuments/Paunescu.%20Mihai%20Ionut%20Indictment.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/January13/GoziVirusDocuments/Paunescu.%20Mihai%20Ionut%20Indictment.pdf</a>	1 count conspiracy to commit computer intrusion, 1 count conspiracy to commit bank fraud, and 1 count conspiracy to commit wire fraud.	<a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/23/gozi-virus-fbi_n_2535282.html">http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/23/gozi-virus-fbi_n_2535282.html</a>
<b>US v Liberty Reserve et al (costa rican-based digital currency exchange)</b> (Liberty Reserve was indicted on Tuesday May 28th 2013)	<b>Origin:</b> Laundering funds internationally <b>Target:</b>	N/A (was a money laundering case)	Estimated to have laundered \$6 billion	The United States Secret Service, the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, which worked together in this case as part of the Global Illicit Financial Team. The Judicial Investigation Organization in Costa Rica, Interpol, the National High Tech Crime Unit in the Netherlands, the Spanish National Police, Financial and Economic Crime Unit, the Cyber Crime Unit at the Swedish National Bureau of Investigation, and the Swiss Federal Prosecutor's Office. The case is being prosecuted by the Department of Justice's Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section and the Department of Justice's Office of International Affairs and Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section (more specifically the Office's Complex Frauds and Cybercrime Unit and Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture Unit)	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/May13/LibertyReservePR/Liberty%20Reserve.%20et%20al.%20Redacted%20AUSA%20Appln%20with%20exhibits.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/May13/LibertyReservePR/Liberty%20Reserve.%20et%20al.%20Redacted%20AUSA%20Appln%20with%20exhibits.pdf</a>	1 count conspiracy to commit money laundering, 1 count conspiracy to operate unlicensed money transmitting business, and 1 count operation of an unlicensed money transmitting business.	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/May13/LibertyReserveetalDocuments.php">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/May13/LibertyReserveetalDocuments.php</a> <a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/05/28/net-us-cybercrime-libertyreserve-charges-idUSBRE94R0KQ20130528">http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/05/28/net-us-cybercrime-libertyreserve-charges-idUSBRE94R0KQ20130528</a> <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/founder-liberty-reserve-arthur-budovsky-pleads-guilty-manhattan-federal-court">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/founder-liberty-reserve-arthur-budovsky-pleads-guilty-manhattan-federal-court</a>

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"Unlimited Operation" (Oct. 2012 to Apr. 2013)	<b>Origin:</b> New York based-cell, but the organization is multinational. <b>Target:</b>	First attack targeted a card processor that handled transactions for prepaid mastercard debit cards from the National Bank of Ras Al-Khaimah PSC (RAKBANK). The second attack targeted the same type of cards issued by the Bank of Muscat in Oman.	\$45 million USD	The investigation was led by the United States Secret Service with support from the Department of Homeland Security as well as Mastercard, RAKBANK, and the Bank Muscat. Law enforcement authorities in Japan, Canada, Germany, and Romania, and also thanked authorities in the United Arab Emirates, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Italy, Spain, Belgium, France, United Kingdom, Latvia, Estonia, Thailand, and Malaysia also cooperated with the investigation.	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nye/pr/2013/2013may09.html">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nye/pr/2013/2013may09.html</a>		<a href="https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2013/05/10/casher-crew-from-global-cyberheist-busted-in-new-york/">https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2013/05/10/casher-crew-from-global-cyberheist-busted-in-new-york/</a>
<b>Project Blitzkrieg</b> (Oct. 2012)	<b>Origin:</b> Launched from a server in Ukraine. <b>Target:</b> U.S.	30 U.S. banks. Credit card unions, federal credit union, generic banking platforms, investment banks, large national banks, national banks, online payment processors, regional banks and state credit unions. To include Bank of America, Capital One and Suntrust, and investment banks such as American Funds, Ameritrade, eTrade, Fidelity, OptionsExpress, and Schwab.	\$5 million USD was stolen by one group in 2008 using this virus.	RSA claimed that they had discovered an operation run by an individual known as vorVzakone			<a href="http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/10/project-blitzkrieg-promises-more-aggressive-cyberheists-against-u-s-banks/#more-17096">http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/10/project-blitzkrieg-promises-more-aggressive-cyberheists-against-u-s-banks/#more-17096</a> <a href="http://www.mcafee.com/us/resources/white-papers/wp-analyzing-project-blitzkrieg.pdf">http://www.mcafee.com/us/resources/white-papers/wp-analyzing-project-blitzkrieg.pdf</a> <a href="http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/12/new-findings-lend-credence-to-project-blitzkrieg/">http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/12/new-findings-lend-credence-to-project-blitzkrieg/</a>

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<b>United States v Albert Gonzalez</b>	<b>Origin:</b> U.S. <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Large corporate networks with credit card and atm numbers saved within internal servers.	\$200 million USD	The investigation was led by the United States Secret Service with support from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/alleged-international-hacker-indicted-massive-attack-us-retail-and-banking-networks">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/alleged-international-hacker-indicted-massive-attack-us-retail-and-banking-networks</a>	19 counts of conspiracy, computer fraud, wire fraud, access device fraud and aggravated identity theft.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/international-hacker-pleads-guilty-massive-hacks-us-retail-networks">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/international-hacker-pleads-guilty-massive-hacks-us-retail-networks</a>
<b>Zberp (2014)</b>	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> Mainly in the U.S., U.K. and Australia	Targeting more than 450 financial institutions around the world.		Discovered and named by security researchers from IBM subsidiary Trusteer.			<a href="http://securityintelligence.com/new-zberp-trojan-discovered-zeus-zbot-carberp/">http://securityintelligence.com/new-zberp-trojan-discovered-zeus-zbot-carberp/</a>



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<b>JPMorgan Chase and 9 other U.S. banks (8/1/2014)</b>	<b>Origin:</b> Believed to be from Russia <b>Target:</b> U.S.	10 U.S. financial institutions including JPMorgan Chase	Bank Data (mainly customer personal data)	<b>For JP Morgan:</b> JP Morgan's security team first identified the attack. The U.S. Department of Treasury, the Secret Service and intelligence agencies have been working alongside JP Morgan's security team to locate the source of the attack.	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2014/10/03/hackers-attack-cracked-10-banks-in-major-assault/?r=0">http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2014/10/03/hackers-attack-cracked-10-banks-in-major-assault/?r=0</a> <a href="http://www.symantec.com/connect/app#!/blogs/us-banks-breached-cyberattack-what-bankers-should-do-stay-protected-0">http://www.symantec.com/connect/app#!/blogs/us-banks-breached-cyberattack-what-bankers-should-do-stay-protected-0</a> <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/28/technology/hackers-target-banks-including-jpmorgan.html?_r=2">http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/28/technology/hackers-target-banks-including-jpmorgan.html?_r=2</a> <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2014-08-27/fbi-said-to-be-probing-whether-russia-tied-to-jpmorgan-hacking">http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2014-08-27/fbi-said-to-be-probing-whether-russia-tied-to-jpmorgan-hacking</a> <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/10/03/business/dealbook/jpmorgan-documents.html">http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/10/03/business/dealbook/jpmorgan-documents.html</a>
<b>Nasdaq (Feb. 5, 2011)</b>	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Web-based app called directors desk, where companies can share info, may have been hacked. Has 5,000 users.	Unclear what was taken but the portion of the Nasdaq which handles trades was not hacked.	Initially investigated by the United States FBI and NSA. Follow-up investigations were carried out by the the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC).	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052748704843304576126370179332758">http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052748704843304576126370179332758</a> <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/06/business/06nasdaq.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/06/business/06nasdaq.html</a>

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<b>Target</b> (Nov. 27- Dec. 15, 2013)	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Customer Data	40 million customers' credit card information, and 70 million others	Federal Law Enforcement officials notified Target of the breach on December 12, 2013. Company investigators worked to uncover what happened.	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/11/06/home-depot-says-hackers-also-stole-email-addresses/?ref=topics">http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/11/06/home-depot-says-hackers-also-stole-email-addresses/?ref=topics</a> <a href="http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2014/10/02/jpmorgan-discovers-further-cyber-security-issues/">http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2014/10/02/jpmorgan-discovers-further-cyber-security-issues/</a> <a href="http://money.cnn.com/2013/12/22/news/companies/target-credit-card-hack/">http://money.cnn.com/2013/12/22/news/companies/target-credit-card-hack/</a> <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2014-04-07/neiman-marcus-breach-linked-to-russians-who-eluded-u-s-">http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2014-04-07/neiman-marcus-breach-linked-to-russians-who-eluded-u-s-</a> <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2014-03-13/target-missed-warnings-in-epic-hack-of-credit-card-data">http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2014-03-13/target-missed-warnings-in-epic-hack-of-credit-card-data</a>
<b>Home Depot</b> (April, 2014)	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Customer Data	53 million customer email addresses, payment card details for millions, (56 million in total affected)		N/A	N/A	<a href="http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/11/06/home-depot-says-hackers-also-stole-email-addresses/?ref=topics">http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/11/06/home-depot-says-hackers-also-stole-email-addresses/?ref=topics</a> <a href="http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2014/10/02/jpmorgan-discovers-further-cyber-security-issues/">http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2014/10/02/jpmorgan-discovers-further-cyber-security-issues/</a> <a href="http://www.wsj.com/articles/home-depot-hackers-used-password-stolen-from-vendor-1415309282">http://www.wsj.com/articles/home-depot-hackers-used-password-stolen-from-vendor-1415309282</a>
<b>T.J. Maxx</b> (July 2005-December 2006)	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Customer Data	Data for 90 million customers				<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/20/technology/target-stolen-shopper-data.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/20/technology/target-stolen-shopper-data.html</a> <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/25/AR2007092500836.html">http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/25/AR2007092500836.html</a>

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<b>Heartland Payment Systems</b> (May 2008-Jan. 2009)	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Payment systems	130 million credit card numbers. Stole track data from the credit cards and names. Affected more than 665 financial institutions.				<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/20/technology/target-stolen-shopper-data.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/20/technology/target-stolen-shopper-data.html</a> <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/bw/stories/2009-07-06/lessons-from-the-data-breach-at-heartlandbusinessweek-business-news-stock-market-and-financial-advice">http://www.bloomberg.com/bw/stories/2009-07-06/lessons-from-the-data-breach-at-heartlandbusinessweek-business-news-stock-market-and-financial-advice</a>
<b>Sony &amp; Qriocity</b> (April-17-19, 2011)	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Sensitive customer information	Sensitive information for 77 million customers (personal information and perhaps credit card numbers)				<a href="http://money.cnn.com/gallery/technology/security/2013/12/19/biggest-credit-card-hacks/5.html">http://money.cnn.com/gallery/technology/security/2013/12/19/biggest-credit-card-hacks/5.html</a>
<b>Neiman Marcus</b>	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S.						<a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2014-04-07/neiman-marcus-breach-linked-to-russians-who-eluded-u-s-">http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2014-04-07/neiman-marcus-breach-linked-to-russians-who-eluded-u-s-</a>
<b>Rex Mundi</b> (Jan. 2015) (twitter account name which announced the hacking event)	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b>	Banque Cantonale de Geneve (confidential client information)	Hacked system and stole 30,000 emails of clients from the bank and attempted to extort 10,000 euros in exchange for not publishing the information.				<a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/09/us-bc-geneve-hacker-idUSKBN0K11MK20150109">http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/09/us-bc-geneve-hacker-idUSKBN0K11MK20150109</a>

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<b>com.II</b> (Summer 2014 (hack announced by cheetah mobile on June 27th))	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> Korea	Kookmin, Nong Hyup, Shinhan, Hana N, Woori, Busan, and the Korean Federation of Community Credit Cooperatives	Costumer bank log in information, bank account information, phone numbers, device IDs, and contact lists				<a href="http://www.securityweek.com/new-android-malware-targets-banking-apps-phone-information-fireeye">http://www.securityweek.com/new-android-malware-targets-banking-apps-phone-information-fireeye</a> <a href="https://www.fireeye.com/blog/threat-research/2014/07/the-service-you-cant-refuse-a-secluded-hijackrat.html">https://www.fireeye.com/blog/threat-research/2014/07/the-service-you-cant-refuse-a-secluded-hijackrat.html</a> <a href="http://www.securityweek.com/fake-android-apps-target-south-korean-bank-customers">http://www.securityweek.com/fake-android-apps-target-south-korean-bank-customers</a>
<b>Dump Memory Grab</b> (2013)	<b>Origin:</b> Russian Federation <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Major U.S. banks (chase, capital one, citibank, and union bank of california)	harvest info from credit and debit cards				<a href="http://www.securityweek.com/exclusive-new-malware-targeting-pos-systems-atms-hits-major-us-banks">http://www.securityweek.com/exclusive-new-malware-targeting-pos-systems-atms-hits-major-us-banks</a>
<b>vSkimmer</b> (Feb. 2013-)	<b>Origin:</b> Circulating on criminal forums out of Russia <b>Target:</b>	Designed capture credit card data from systems running Windows that host payment processing software.	Undetermined	The vskimmer malware was first detected by McAfee's sensor network.			<a href="http://www.securityweek.com/exclusive-new-malware-targeting-pos-systems-atms-hits-major-us-banks">http://www.securityweek.com/exclusive-new-malware-targeting-pos-systems-atms-hits-major-us-banks</a> <a href="http://www.securityweek.com/vskimmer-botnet-targeting-payment-card-terminals-connected-windows">http://www.securityweek.com/vskimmer-botnet-targeting-payment-card-terminals-connected-windows</a> <a href="http://www.computerworld.com/article/2495732/cybercrime-hacking/researchers-uncover-vskimmer-malware-targeting-point-of-sale-systems.html">http://www.computerworld.com/article/2495732/cybercrime-hacking/researchers-uncover-vskimmer-malware-targeting-point-of-sale-systems.html</a>
<b>Dexter</b> (Sept. -Dec.. 2012)	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b>	42% of infections in North America. Mostly big-name retail, hotels, restaurants, private parking providers, and eateries.	Credit card information. Loss of 80,00 credit cards from Subway restaurants in 2012				<a href="http://www.securityweek.com/exclusive-new-malware-targeting-pos-systems-atms-hits-major-us-banks">http://www.securityweek.com/exclusive-new-malware-targeting-pos-systems-atms-hits-major-us-banks</a> <a href="http://www.securityweek.com/new-malware-targets-point-sale-systems-just-time-holiday-rush">http://www.securityweek.com/new-malware-targets-point-sale-systems-just-time-holiday-rush</a> <a href="http://www.securityweek.com/vskimmer-botnet-targeting-payment-card-terminals-connected-windows">http://www.securityweek.com/vskimmer-botnet-targeting-payment-card-terminals-connected-windows</a>

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<b>Airline Fraud Scheme</b> (11/1/2014)	<b>Origin:</b> Multinational <b>Target:</b> 60 airlines in over 45 countries. Also greatly impacted the banking and travel sectors as well as airlines.	60 airlines in over 45 countries	Nearly \$1 billion from the airline industry alone	Europol in The Hague, Netherlands; INTERPOL through its General Secretariat in Lyon, France and the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI) in Singapore; and AMERIPOL in Bogota, Colombia. More than 60 airlines and 45 countries were involved in the activity, which took place at some 80 airports across the world. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) also took part in the investigation.	118 individuals were arrested		<a href="https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/118-arrested-global-action-against-online-fraudsters-airline-sector">https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/118-arrested-global-action-against-online-fraudsters-airline-sector</a> <a href="https://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrime/crimetype/xxx/operation_global_action_against_online_fraudsters_in_the_airline_sector.html?&amp;tmpl=cyb">https://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrime/crimetype/xxx/operation_global_action_against_online_fraudsters_in_the_airline_sector.html?&amp;tmpl=cyb</a> <a href="http://www.interpol.int/News-and-media/News/2014/N2014-228">http://www.interpol.int/News-and-media/News/2014/N2014-228</a>

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<b>Russian Cybercrime Syndicate</b>	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Heartland Payment Systems 2007 (130 million credit cards), Hannaford Brothers Co 2007 (4.2 million card numbers), Carrefour S.A. 2007 (2 million card numbers), Commidea Ltd. 2008, (30 million card numbers), Euronet 2010 (2 million card numbers), Visa, Inc 2011 (800,000 card numbers), Discover Financial Services (500,000 diners card numbers). Also hacked into NASDAQ, 7-Eleven, JetBlue, JCPenny, Wet Seal, Dexia, Dow Jones, & Ingenicard.	More than 160 million credit card numbers from U.S. retailers, banks and card processors.	The U.S. Secret Service, Criminal Investigations, led the investigation. The U.S. also collaborated with the New Jersey U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division, The Department of Justice's Computer Crime and Intellectual Section as well as with the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice and the National High Tech Crime Unit of the Dutch National Police.	U.S. v. Drinkman, Kalinin, Kotov, Rytikov, & Smilianets  <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/pdf/2013/Drinkman,%20Vladimir%20et%20al.%20Indictment.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/pdf/2013/Drinkman,%20Vladimir%20et%20al.%20Indictment.pdf</a>	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/Drinkman,%20Vladimir%20et%20al.%20Indictment%20News%20Release.html">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/Drinkman,%20Vladimir%20et%20al.%20Indictment%20News%20Release.html</a>	<a href="http://krebsonsecurity.com/tag/aleksandr-kalinin/">http://krebsonsecurity.com/tag/aleksandr-kalinin/</a> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/Drinkman,%20Vladimir%20et%20al.%20Indictment%20News%20Release.html">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/Drinkman,%20Vladimir%20et%20al.%20Indictment%20News%20Release.html</a> <a href="https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2010/03/25/tjx-hacker-jail-20-years-stealing-40-million-credit-cards/">https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2010/03/25/tjx-hacker-jail-20-years-stealing-40-million-credit-cards/</a> <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/20/technology/target-stolen-shopper-data.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/20/technology/target-stolen-shopper-data.html</a> <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/bw/stories/2009-07-06/lessons-from-the-data-breach-at-heartlandbusinessweek-business-news-stock-market-and-financial-advice">http://www.bloomberg.com/bw/stories/2009-07-06/lessons-from-the-data-breach-at-heartlandbusinessweek-business-news-stock-market-and-financial-advice</a>

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<b>Sonya Martin</b>	<b>Origin:</b> Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. <b>Target:</b> Multinational	Personal Bank Accounts with ATM withdrawal capabilities.	\$9 million was stolen from over 2,100 ATMs in at least 280 cities worldwide, including cities in the United States, Russia, Ukraine, Estonia, Italy, Hong Kong, Japan, and Canada. The event took place in less than 12 hours on Nov. 8, 2008.	The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation led the investigation with assistance provided by numerous domestic and international law enforcement partners. WorldPay reported the crime and substantially assisted in the investigation. Case was prosecuted by the Department of Justice Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section with assistance from the Department of Justice Office of International Affairs.		<a href="http://www.fbi.gov/atlanta/press-releases/2012/sentencing-in-major-international-cyber-crime-prosecution">http://www.fbi.gov/atlanta/press-releases/2012/sentencing-in-major-international-cyber-crime-prosecution</a>	<a href="https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2012/08/28/prison-atm-worldpay/">https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2012/08/28/prison-atm-worldpay/</a>
<b>Chinese-run cybercrime network'</b>	<b>Origin:</b> China via Kenya <b>Target:</b> Kenya	"The group had been preparing to "raid the country's communication systems" and had equipment capable of infiltrating bank accounts, Kenya's M-Pesa mobile banking system and ATM machines." retrieved from <a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-30327412">http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-30327412</a>	n/a (Attack was foiled)	Kenyan Police			<a href="http://www.nation.co.ke/news/77-Chinese-held-in-cyber-bust/-/1056/2543786/-/t5vf43/-/index.html">http://www.nation.co.ke/news/77-Chinese-held-in-cyber-bust/-/1056/2543786/-/t5vf43/-/index.html</a> <a href="http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/dec/05/kenya-chinese-nationals-cybercrime-nairobi">http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/dec/05/kenya-chinese-nationals-cybercrime-nairobi</a> <a href="http://www.newsweek.com/77-chinese-nationals-arrested-kenya-cybercrimes-289539">http://www.newsweek.com/77-chinese-nationals-arrested-kenya-cybercrimes-289539</a>



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<b>Evgeniy Bogachev</b>	<b>Origin:</b> Western District of Pennsylvania <b>Target:</b> U.S. and elsewhere	Financial Institutions	\$100 million stolen	<p>"Besides the United States, law enforcement from the Australian Federal Police; the National Police of the Netherlands National High Tech Crime Unit; European Cybercrime Centre (EC3); Germany's Bundeskriminalamt; France's Police Judiciaire; Italy's Polizia Postale e delle Comunicazioni; Japan's National Police Agency; Luxembourg's Police Grand Ducale; New Zealand Police; the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Ukraine's Ministry of Internal Affairs – Division for Combating Cyber Crime; and the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency participated in the operation. The Defense Criminal Investigative Service of the U.S. Department of Defense also participated in the investigation.</p> <p>Invaluable technical assistance was provided by Dell SecureWorks and CrowdStrike. Numerous other companies also provided assistance, including facilitating efforts by victims to remediate the damage to their computers inflicted by Gameover Zeus. These companies include Microsoft Corporation, Abuse.ch, Afiliis, F-Secure, Level 3 Communications, McAfee, Neustar, Shadowserver, Anubis Networks, Symantec, Heimdal Security, Sophos and Trend Micro."</p>	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/legacy/2014/06/02/pittsburgh-indictment.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/legacy/2014/06/02/pittsburgh-indictment.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/opa/documents-and-resources-june-2-2014-announcement">http://www.justice.gov/opa/documents-and-resources-june-2-2014-announcement</a>	1 count conspiracy, 1 count of wire fraud, 1 count of computer fraud, 9 counts of bank fraud, and 2 count of money laundering.	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/legacy/2014/06/02/pittsburgh-indictment.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/legacy/2014/06/02/pittsburgh-indictment.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-31614819">http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-31614819</a> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-leads-multi-national-action-against-gameover-zeus-botnet-and-cryptolocker-ransomware">http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-leads-multi-national-action-against-gameover-zeus-botnet-and-cryptolocker-ransomware</a>

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<b>African Cyber Criminal Enterprise (ACCE)</b>	<b>Origin:</b> Commonly Nigeria <b>Target:</b> U.S.	More than 85 companies and universities in the U.S. Approximately 400 actual or attempted incidents targeting 250 vendors.	Retail goods. Approximately \$5 million lost so far. After the fraud is discovered, the retailer is forced to absorb the financial losses.		N/A	N/A	<a href="http://www.fbi.gov/washingtondc/press-releases/2014/african-cyber-criminal-enterprise-members-using-school-impersonation-scheme-to-defraud-retailers">http://www.fbi.gov/washingtondc/press-releases/2014/african-cyber-criminal-enterprise-members-using-school-impersonation-scheme-to-defraud-retailers</a> <a href="http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2014/april/understanding-school-impersonation-fraud">http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2014/april/understanding-school-impersonation-fraud</a> <a href="https://www.ic3.gov/media/2014/140904.aspx">https://www.ic3.gov/media/2014/140904.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2014/october/cyber-crime-purchase-order-scam-leaves-a-trail-of-victims/cyber-crime-purchase-order-scam-leaves-a-trail-of-victims">http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2014/october/cyber-crime-purchase-order-scam-leaves-a-trail-of-victims/cyber-crime-purchase-order-scam-leaves-a-trail-of-victims</a>
<b>Online Marketplace Fraud</b>	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Users of online marketplace and auction websites such as ebay.com, cars.com, autotrader.com, and cycletrader.com.	Funds from consumers using online marketplace websites. Attacks resulted in potentially million dollar losses to U.S. victims.		<a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nye/pr/2013/doc/Popescu.Signed%20Indictment%20(12%20CR%20785).pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nye/pr/2013/doc/Popescu.Signed%20Indictment%20(12%20CR%20785).pdf</a>	1 count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, money laundering and passport fraud to traffic in counterfeit service marks, 7 counts of wire fraud, 2 counts of wire fraud, 4 counts of wire fraud, 1 count of passport fraud, 1 count of passport fraud, 1 count of trafficking in counterfeit service marks, 1 count of money laundering, 1 count of money laundering, 1 count of money laundering, 1 count of money laundering, 1 count of money laundering, 1 count of money laundering, 1 count of money laundering,	<a href="http://www.state.gov/j/inl/tocrewards/c64997.htm">http://www.state.gov/j/inl/tocrewards/c64997.htm</a> <a href="http://www.state.gov/j/inl/tocrewards/c64996.htm">http://www.state.gov/j/inl/tocrewards/c64996.htm</a>

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<b>People's Liberation Army (PLA) Unit 61398</b> (Defendants Charged on May 19, 2014)	<b>Origin:</b> China <b>Target:</b> U.S., Western District of Pennsylvania.	American commercial enterprises (nuclear, metal and solar firms). Alcoa Inc, Allegheny Technologies Inc, United States Steel Corp, Toshiba Corp unit Westinghouse Electric Co, the U.S. subsidiaries of SolarWorld AG, and a steel workers' union were among the targeted institutions.	Information stolen from commercial enterprises to be used by competitors in China. Information such as trade secrets.	The investigation was led by the U.S. FBI. The case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Department of Justice's National Security Division Counterespionage Section and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania.	<b>Indictment:</b> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/iso/opa/">http://www.justice.gov/iso/opa/</a>	1 count of conspiracy to commit computer fraud and abuse, 8 counts of computer fraud and abuse, 14 counts of damaging a computer, 6 counts of aggravated identity theft, 1 count of economic espionage, and 1 count of theft of trade secret.	<a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/20/us-cybercrime-usa-china-unit-idUSBREA4J08M20140520">http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/20/us-cybercrime-usa-china-unit-idUSBREA4J08M20140520</a> <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-charges-five-chinese-military-hackers-cyber-espionage-against-us-corporations-and-labor">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-charges-five-chinese-military-hackers-cyber-espionage-against-us-corporations-and-labor</a>
<b>Roman Valerevich Seleznev</b> (Oct. 2, 2009 - Feb. 22, 2011)	<b>Origin:</b> Servers were located in Russia, Ukraine, and multiple servers in the U.S. such as McLean Virginia. <b>Target:</b> Western District of Washington and elsewhere.	Defraud various financial institutions including Boeing Employee's Credit Union, Chase Bank, Capital One, Citibank, and Keybank.	Stole and sold credit card numbers. At least \$1.7 million in losses to banks and credit card companies.	The U.S. Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force (includes detectives from the Seattle Police Department)	<b>Indictment:</b> <a href="http://krebsonsecurity.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Seleznev-Indictment-CR11-0070RAJ-1.pdf">http://krebsonsecurity.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Seleznev-Indictment-CR11-0070RAJ-1.pdf</a>	5 counts of Bank fraud, 8 counts of intentional damage to a protected computer, 8 counts of obtaining information from a protected computer, 1 count of possession of fifteen or more unauthorized access devices, 2 counts of trafficking in unauthorized access devices, and 5 counts of aggravated identity theft.	<a href="http://www.capitolhillseattle.com/2014/07/russian-hacker-arrested-in-2010-broadway-grill-data-breach">http://www.capitolhillseattle.com/2014/07/russian-hacker-arrested-in-2010-broadway-grill-data-breach</a> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/alleged-russian-cyber-criminal-now-charged-40-count-superseding-indictment">http://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/alleged-russian-cyber-criminal-now-charged-40-count-superseding-indictment</a>

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<b>Alexsey Belan</b> (Jan. 2012- Apr. 2013)	<b>Origin:</b> Multinational <b>Target:</b> Nevada and San Francisco, U.S.	E-commerce companies.	Stole, exported and sold user databases from e-commerce companies.	U.S. Federal and state authorities.	N/A	In Nevada, charged with obtaining information from a protected computer; possession of fifteen or more unauthorized access devices; and aggravated identity theft. In San Francisco, was charged with two fraud counts and two counts of aggravated identity theft.	<a href="http://rt.com/news/fbi-wanted-list-russian-340/">http://rt.com/news/fbi-wanted-list-russian-340/</a> <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/cyber/alexsey-belan/view">https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/cyber/alexsey-belan/view</a>
<b>Alexandr Sergeyevich Bobnev</b> (June 2007 -August 2007)	<b>Origin:</b> Russian Federation <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Scheme utilized the accounts of major provider of investment services.	Attempted to steal and launder funds from investment service accounts. Wired or attempted to wire \$350,000		Southern District of New York indicted him on Nov. 26, 2008	1 count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and 1 count of conspiracy to commit money laundering	<a href="http://www.fbi.gov/wanted/cyber/alexandr-sergeyevich-bobnev/view">http://www.fbi.gov/wanted/cyber/alexandr-sergeyevich-bobnev/view</a>
<b>The Yanbian Gang</b>	<b>Origin:</b> the Yanbian Prefecture in Jilin, China. <b>Target:</b> South Korea	Targeted mobile banking customers of at least five banks in South Korea since 2011. These banks included B Kookmin Bank, NH Bank, Hana Bank, Shinhan Bank, and Woori Bank.	The Yanbian cybergang is thought to have stolen millions from at least five korean banks.	Yanbian gang hack was first documented and detailed by Trend Micro Mobile Threat Team.			<a href="http://www.securityweek.com/cyber-gang-steals-millions-mobile-banking-customers-south-korea">http://www.securityweek.com/cyber-gang-steals-millions-mobile-banking-customers-south-korea</a> <a href="http://www.securityweek.com/chinas-cybercrime-marketplace-boomed-2013-trend-micro">http://www.securityweek.com/chinas-cybercrime-marketplace-boomed-2013-trend-micro</a> <a href="http://www.securityweek.com/16-million-mobile-devices-infected-malware-2014-alcatel-lucent">http://www.securityweek.com/16-million-mobile-devices-infected-malware-2014-alcatel-lucent</a> <a href="http://www.securityweek.com/inside-chinas-market-mobile-cybercrime">http://www.securityweek.com/inside-chinas-market-mobile-cybercrime</a> <a href="http://www.trendmicro.com/cloud-content/us/pdfs/security-intelligence/white-papers/wp-the-south-korean-fake-banking-app-scam.pdf">http://www.trendmicro.com/cloud-content/us/pdfs/security-intelligence/white-papers/wp-the-south-korean-fake-banking-app-scam.pdf</a>

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<b>New York Money Mules Online Bank Fraud Scheme'</b>	Origin: Based in Eastern Europe but had money mule network in U.S. Target: U.S.	Bank accounts belonging primarily to small businesses and municipalities.	Stole more than \$3 million	FBI agents and agents of the Secret Service, ICE, and the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service carried out arrests in this multi-defendant case targeting overseas computer hackers.	37 people were charged in 21 cases. "An arrest warrant was issued for Semenov in the Southern District of New York on September 29, 2010, after he was charged with conspiracy to commit bank fraud; conspiracy to possess false identification documents; and false use of passport."	"Semenov... was charged with conspiracy to commit bank fraud; conspiracy to possess false identification documents; and false use of passport" retrieved from <a href="http://www.fbi.gov/wanted/cyber/artem-semenov/view">http://www.fbi.gov/wanted/cyber/artem-semenov/view</a>	<a href="http://www.wired.com/2010/09/zeus-botnet-ring/">http://www.wired.com/2010/09/zeus-botnet-ring/</a> <a href="http://www.rferl.org/content/In_US_Cybercrime_Case_Track_Record_Indicates_Russia_Willing_To_Cooperate/2185564.html">http://www.rferl.org/content/In_US_Cybercrime_Case_Track_Record_Indicates_Russia_Willing_To_Cooperate/2185564.html</a> <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/images/nyfo110610_2.jpg/view">https://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/images/nyfo110610_2.jpg/view</a>

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<b>DDoS Attack against National (Central) Election Commission Homepage</b> (2011, October, 26)	<b>Origin:</b> Korea <b>Target:</b> Korea	National (Central) Election Commission Homepage, Finding the polling place Function	Not related to this case	1. National Police Agency in cooperation with National Cyber Security Center and 2. Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office Special Investigation Team in cooperation with Korea Internet Security Agency did investigation.	Korean Supreme Court Decision 2012 Do 16086 Decided March 28, 2013, available at: <a href="http://glaw.scourt.go.kr/">http://glaw.scourt.go.kr/</a>	<b>Legal provisions:</b> N/A.  <b>Potentially relevant provisions:</b> 1. Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection, etc.; Articles 48, Paragraph 3; 71, Subparagraph 10; 2. Act on the Protection of Information and Communications Infrastructure, Articles 12; 28; 3. Public Officials Election Act, Article 237, Paragraph 1	1. KSPO Press Release: <a href="http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=523931">http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=523931</a> 2. Chosun Ilbo (English Edition), News: <a href="http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2011/10/27/2011102701142.html">http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2011/10/27/2011102701142.html</a>

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<b>Prosecution v. Baksa Timea and others</b> (Criminal activities started in 2002)	<b>Origin:</b> Hungary <b>Target:</b> Hungary	Mainly: Copyright-protected content	N/A Relevant Info: Seized money- 48,000,000 HUF The criminal organization engaged in money laundering (proceeds of illegal activities) assisted by Ukrainian nationals (According to law enforcement info-761,000,000 HUF between 2007 and 2009).	Hungarian law enforcement searched 5 server rooms, seized 48 servers . In response to Hungarian authorities request sent out to Romanian authorities via INTERPOL channels, the information on the death of the leader of the criminal orgs was obtained.	N/A	N/A	UNODC, Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/hun/prosecution_vs._baksa_timea_and_others.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/hun/prosecution_vs._baksa_timea_and_others.html</a>
<b>Credit card data theft in Romania</b> (2015)	<b>Origin:</b> Romania <b>Target:</b> Touristic areas in Croatia and Turkey	Credit card data of wealthy tourists in Croatia and Turkey	N/A	During the house searches executed at the premises of the defendants were found skimming devices. A computer search revealed that the defendants used software able to read the magnetic tracks of credit cards.	N/A	<b>Legal Provisions:</b> 1. Law No. 39 of 2003 on preventing and combating organized crime, Article 7, Paragraph 1 (Initiation or constitution of an organized criminal group). 2. Law No. 365 of 2002 on electronic commerce, Article 25 (Possession of equipment with a view to forging electronic means of payment).	UNODC Cybercrime Repository <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/rou/credit_card_data_theft_in_romania.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/rou/credit_card_data_theft_in_romania.html</a>



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<b>Online Storage Companies, Aiding and Abetting Violation of Copyright Act, etc.</b> (Not specified, but the investigation result was released to the press on April 20, 2012)	<b>Origin:</b> Republic of Korea <b>Target:</b> Republic of Korea	(Copyright-Protected) Work	Not specified, but the proceeds of illegal activities through leaving the (copyright-protected) work (illegally uploaded) on the online storage sites : 1,140,000,000 Won (according to the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office info)	Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office	N/A	Specific provisions are not provided: Possibly relevant provisions:  (1) Aid, Abet Violation of Copyright Act Copyright Act, Article 136, Paragraph 1; Copyright Act, Article 140, Sub-paragraph 1; Criminal Act, Article 32, Paragraph 1;  (2) Violation of Copyright Act: Article 136, Paragraph 1; Copyright Act; Article 140, Sub-paragraph 1	KSPO Press Release: <a href="http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=533012">http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=533012</a>
<b>Apprehension of Voice Phishing Organization in the Republic of Korea -Voice Phishing against low credit individuals in the form of fake loans</b> (From November, 2011 to April, 2012)	<b>Origin:</b> Republic of Korea <b>Target:</b> Republic of Korea	Individuals with poor credit ratings and who need loan services	Three billion four hundred million Won (KRW 3,400,000,000)	Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office	N/A	Specific provisions: NA. Possibly relevant provisions: 1, Criminal Act, Article 347 (Fraud); 2. Act on the Aggravated Punishment, etc. of Specific Economic Crimes, Article 3, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 2 (Aggravated Punishment of Specific Property Crime)	KSPO Press Release <a href="http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=533736">http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=533736</a>

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<b>Fraudulent eBay auctions in Romania</b> (Between 2006 and 2009)	<b>Origin:</b> Romania <b>Target:</b> Spain, Italy, France, New Zealand, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Austria, the United States, Canada and Switzerland	users of eBay auctions located in different countries	Fraudsters stole the Euro equivalent of more than \$1 million.	Romanian authorities[Romanian Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism (DIICOT)], in conjunction with U.S. law enforcement (in partnership with the FBI and U.S. Secret Service from the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest), arrested alleged offenders.	N/A	N/A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SC Magazine News: <a href="http://www.scmagazine.com/romanian-police-fbi-break-up-70-strong-ebay-fraud-ring/article/167554/">http://www.scmagazine.com/romanian-police-fbi-break-up-70-strong-ebay-fraud-ring/article/167554/</a></li> <li>2. UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/rou/fraudulent_ebay_auctions_in_romania.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/rou/fraudulent_ebay_auctions_in_romania.html</a></li> </ol>
<b>Operation Exposure</b> (Date of arrest: February, 2012)	<b>Origin:</b> The servers used for the purposes of administration of some of the secure communication channels used by Anonymous were hosted by companies located in Czech Republic and Bulgaria, although they were remotely controlled from Spain. <b>Target:</b> Unclear. However, among its victims are governmental agencies of the U.S., Israel, Tunisia and Uganda.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Governmental agencies of the U.S., Israel, Tunisia and Uganda websites;</li> <li>2. child pornography websites;</li> <li>3. copyright protection institutions; religious entities; and private corporations, including PayPal, MasterCard, Visa and Sony websites</li> </ol>	N/A	With the support of Europol, law enforcement agencies of the involved countries carried out the investigation ( <b>1.</b> Simultaneous arrests; <b>2.</b> Search and seizure ; <b>3.</b> Server disruptions and <b>4.</b> Expedited preservation of computer data)	N/A	Specific legal provision are not available. According to UNODC Cybercrime Repository, the suspects were charged with illegal interference, breach of privacy and disclosure of confidential information.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/esp/operation_exposure.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/esp/operation_exposure.html</a></li> <li>2. EUROPOL Press Release: <a href="https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/hacktivists-arrested-spain">https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/hacktivists-arrested-spain</a>.</li> </ol>

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<b>Violation of Criminal Act, Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection, etc., and Game Industry Promotion Act (2009-2013)</b>	<b>Origin:</b> Korea <b>Target:</b> Korea	Divulged personal Information of another person	1. Proceeds from acquiring game items (jointly with defendant 1): KRW 125, 678, 400 2. Proceeds from the sale of game items (1) Jointly with defendant 1: KRW 405, 471, 229 (2) Solely by defendant 2: KRW 1,901, 266, 177	Prosecutors, Police, Judges	[1] Korean Supreme Court Decision 2014 Do 8838 Decided Nov. 13, 2014; [2] Seoul Central District Court Decision 2012 No 323 Decided Jun. 26, 2014, and [3] Seoul Central District Court Decision 2013 Go Dan 4451, 2013 Go Dan 4488 (Consolidation) Decided Jan. 15, 2014, available at: <a href="http://glaw.scourt.go.kr/wsjo/intsrch/sjo022.do">http://glaw.scourt.go.kr/wsjo/intsrch/sjo022.do</a> .	1. Criminal Act, Art. 347-2; 2. Game Industry Promotion Act, Arts. 32, Para. 7, and 44, Para 1, Subpara 2. [and its Enforcement Decree, Art. 18-3., Para. 3, Subpara c. and Former Enforcement Decree (prior to the Amendment No. 23863, June 19, 2012) Art. 18-3, Subpara. 3.; 3. Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection, etc., Arts. 28-2, Para 2. and 71, Subpara 6.	Korean Court Decisions on this case, available at: <a href="http://glaw.scourt.go.kr/wsjo/intsrch/sjo022.do">http://glaw.scourt.go.kr/wsjo/intsrch/sjo022.do</a>
<b>Prosecution of people who stole personal information/data, forged national identity cards, Illegally opened cell phone accounts (February, 2011 to August, 2013)</b>	<b>Origin:</b> Republic of Korea <b>Target:</b> Republic of Korea	Stolen Personal Information/Data	N/A	Police officers and prosecutors, in collaboration with mobile phone companies (private sector) and sharing investigation know-how between police officers and prosecutors, carried out investigation.	N/A	Violation of 1. Personal Information Protection Act, 2. Criminal Act, 3. Act on the Aggravated Punishment, etc. of Specific Economic Crimes 4. Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection, etc., and 5. Radio Wave Act	KSPO Press Release: <a href="http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=585659">http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=585659</a>

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<b>Arrest of an organization based in China which asked hacking and selling/supplying or purchasing personal information/data</b> (From May, 2012 to February, 2014)	<b>Origin:</b> China, Korea <b>Target:</b> Korea	Personal Information/data	N/A	Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office	N/A	Specific legal provisions are not provided. Attackers 1, 2, 5, 8 and 9 were charged with violation of Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection, etc. according to KSPO press release.	KSPO Press Release: <a href="http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=572591">http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=572591</a>
<b>Credit Card Companies, leakage of customer information in the Republic of Korea</b> (From May, 2012 to December, 2013)	<b>Origin:</b> Republic of Korea <b>Target:</b> Republic of Korea	Customer information (Personal Information held by credit card firms) including financial data	The customer data of at least 26 million (26,000,000) people was illegally collected.	Changwon District Prosecutors' Office	N/A	Specific law and legal provision are not available. However, possibly relevant law: Violation of Personal Information Protection Act	1. KSPO Press Release: <a href="http://www.spo.go.kr/spo/notice/press/press.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=2&amp;article_no=567739">http://www.spo.go.kr/spo/notice/press/press.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=2&amp;article_no=567739</a> 2. ZDNet, Security, Newsletter <a href="http://www.zdnet.com/article/south-korean-credit-card-firms-suspended-over-data-breach/">http://www.zdnet.com/article/south-korean-credit-card-firms-suspended-over-data-breach/</a>
<b>Apprehension of members of a criminal organization that committed international financial scams</b> (From January, 2011 to July, 2012 (1 year and 7 months))	<b>Origin:</b> Republic of Korea ("Korea") <b>Target:</b> (Commercial Banks located in) U.S.	USD \$11, 000,000 [KRW 12,200,000,000] [Additional issue: Money laundering]	Commercial Banks (located in U.S.)	In cooperation with (or "Through mutual assistance") Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Korean National Police Agency (KNPA) identified this organization and arrested its members (Nigerians and Korean) located in Korea during the period of time ranging from July 19, 2012 to October 8, 2012.	Indictment(s)/Court Decision(s): Not publicly available online as of June 2, 2015	According to KNPA press release, legal provisions applicable to this case is 1. Article 347, Paragraph 1 (Fraud); 2. Article 231 (Counterfeit or Alteration of Private Document, etc.); 3. Article 234 (Uttering of Falsified Private Document, etc.) of the Criminal Act.	1. Korean National Police Agency (KNPA) Press Release: <a href="http://www.police.go.kr/portal/bbs/view.do?bbsId=B0000011&amp;ntId=8471&amp;menuNo=200067">http://www.police.go.kr/portal/bbs/view.do?bbsId=B0000011&amp;ntId=8471&amp;menuNo=200067</a> 2. Hankook Ilbo News News, <a href="http://news.naver.com/main/read.nh?mode=LSD&amp;mid=sec&amp;sid1=102&amp;oid=038&amp;aid=0002311882">http://news.naver.com/main/read.nh?mode=LSD&amp;mid=sec&amp;sid1=102&amp;oid=038&amp;aid=0002311882</a>

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<b>The organization that illegally won (online) construction bids of Nara Jangteo, Korea's online e-procurement system through hacking a computer system was busted</b> (From May 2011 to October 2012)	<b>Origin:</b> Korea <b>Target:</b> Korea	Computer system of Nara Jangteo, Korea's online e-procurement system, which is operated by the Public Procurement Service (PPS)	By manipulating the lowest bidding price, the companies won 77 construction bids, worth a total of 110 billion won.	Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office	N/A	All relevant legal provisions are not provided. However, possibly relevant legal provisions: 1. Criminal Act, Article 347-2 (Fraud by Use of Computer, etc.); 2. Criminal Act, Article 315 (Interference with Auction or Bidding); and 3. Act on the Protection of Information and Communications Infrastructure, Articles 12; 28	1. Korea Joongang Daily, Social Affairs, News: <a href="http://koreajoongangdaily.joins.com/news/article/article.aspx?aid=2981472">http://koreajoongangdaily.joins.com/news/article/article.aspx?aid=2981472</a> ; 2. KSPO Press Release: <a href="http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=565540">http://www.spo.go.kr/seoul/notice/notice/notice01.jsp?mode=view&amp;board_no=116&amp;article_no=565540</a>
<b>Operation Imperium</b> (Date of incident: Unclear Date of arrest: September 30, 2014)	<b>Origin:</b> European countries <b>Target:</b> 1. Obtaining credit card info in EU (e.g. Italy, France, Spain, Germany, and Turkey), 2. Withdrawing cash : outside EU (e.g. in Peru and the Philippines).	1. Credit/financial card data; 2. (ATM) Payment system	N/A	Bulgarian and Spanish law enforcement and judicial agencies together with Europol's European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) did a joint operation. 26 arrests & 40 house searches in Bulgaria five arrests and two house searches in Spain.	N/A	N/A, however, according to UNODC Cybercrime Repository, 31 members of an organized criminal group were arrested for ATM skimming, electronic payment fraud, forgery of documents and other crimes (possibly breach of privacy or data protection measures).	1. UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/bgr/2014/operation_imperium.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/bgr/2014/operation_imperium.html</a> 2. EUROPOL Press Release: <a href="https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/31-arrests-operation-against-bulgarian-organised-crime-network">https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/31-arrests-operation-against-bulgarian-organised-crime-network</a>

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<b>Pletnyov Operation</b> (July 2005 - November 2006)	<b>Origin:</b> Not explicitly state jurisdictional origin. According to UNODC Cybercrime Repository, victims funds were wired to Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Poland controlled by co-conspirators. <b>Target:</b> Attackers targeted U.S. and other nationals with online fraud	Targeted U.S. and other nationals who were using E-bay or other web sites subject to defendants' cyber attacks in issue	N/A	This investigation was conducted by the FBI - Hungarian National Bureau of Investigation (HNBI) Organized Crime Task Force located in Hungary. (Bilateral and multilateral cooperation)	N/A. However, according to UNODC Cybercrime Repository, the indictment expressly charged the defendants with conspiracy to launder money and conspiracy to commit wire fraud.	N/A. However, according to UNODC Cybercrime Repository, all of the defendants were charged and adjudicated in federal court in the District of Columbia. (Thus, it is presumed that U.S. laws were applied to this case).	UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/usa/pletnyov_operation.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/usa/pletnyov_operation.html</a>

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<b>Operation against Remote access Trojans</b> (Date of arrest: around November 2014 according to EUROPOL Press Release)	<b>Origin:</b> Involved countries: several EU countries According to UNODC Cybercrime Repository, the international operation – led by France - resulted in the arrest of 15 individuals in Estonia, France, Romania, Latvia, Italy and the U.K. <b>Target:</b> Involved countries: several EU countries According to UNODC Cybercrime Repository, the international operation – led by France - resulted in the arrest of 15 individuals in Estonia, France, Romania, Latvia, Italy and the U.K.	Operation of remote access Trojans	N/A	According to EUROPOL's press release, the operation was led by France- working with Europol's European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) and the involved European countries (Estonia, France, Romania, Latvia, Italy, and U.K.) authorities.	N/A	N/A. However, according to UNODC Cybercrime Repository, the use of remote access in Europe is punished by a number of offences, including illegal access to computer data, breach of privacy and illegal interception.	1. UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/fra/2014/operation_against_remote_access_trojans.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/fra/2014/operation_against_remote_access_trojans.html</a> 2. EUROPOL's Press Release: <a href="https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/users-remote-access-trojans-arrested-eu-cybercrime-operation">https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/users-remote-access-trojans-arrested-eu-cybercrime-operation</a>



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<b>Operation Stop Intrusion</b>	<b>Origin:</b> Jurisdictional origin: Not explicitly provided. [Countries involved in the operation: 1. Romania, 2. Malaysia, and 3. Italy] <b>Target:</b> Jurisdictional target: Not explicitly provided. [Countries involved in the operation: 1. Romania, 2. Malaysia, and 3. Italy]	Employees of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other civil servants' credentials and access restricted information		International cooperation (including INTERPOL) through the 24/7 Network as well as formal cooperation. The 24/7 Network is intended to offer computer crime investigators a fast and reliable channel to request preservation of computer evidence. Further evidence was later obtained through formal mutual legal assistance procedures.	N/A	N/A	UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/ita/operation_stop_intrusion.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/ita/operation_stop_intrusion.html</a>
<b>Investigation on "DIABLO" and "CODER"</b>	<b>Origin:</b> N/A, but possibly Morocco (Moroccan police identified three alleged perpetrators, two Moroccans and one Turk after being informed by their American counterparts) <b>Target:</b> Not provided in UNODC Cybercrime Repository, but possibly includes U.S. Besides, a suspect used the stolen data to withdraw large sums of money from bank accounts of people living in Russia.	a cyber attack on several multinational groups (With specific regard to one of suspects: stolen credit card data and passwords from multinational companies' websites)	According to the victims, this virus caused more than USD \$ 5 million in losses.	Moroccan police was informed by their American counterparts of a cyber attack. The investigation by the Moroccan police led to the identification of three alleged perpetrators, two Moroccans and one Turk. This case is considered to be the first cybercrime case in Morocco. Judicial and police international cooperation proved to be key in order to identify the suspects.	N/A [According to UNODC Cybercrime Repository, no information on the proceedings is available.]	According to UNODC Cybercrime Repository, the relevant offences are codified in the Moroccan Penal Code, in particular Articles 607-11 and 607-3.	UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/mar/investigation_on_diablo_and_coder.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/mar/investigation_on_diablo_and_coder.html</a>

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<b>U.S. vs. 18 defendants</b> [Joint U.S. - South Africa Operation] (2001-2014)	<b>Origin:</b> Counts 1, 2, and 3: In Harrison County, in the Southern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere. Defendants were resided & arrested in U.S., Canada, and South Africa. <b>Target:</b> Not specified. However, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) news, investigators have so far identified hundreds of victims to this financial fraud scam in the U.S.	1. Personal identification information (PII); 2. Credit card/ bank data; and Information on credit card/bank accounts, etc.; 3. United States Postal Service (U.S.P.S.) shipping labels; and 4. Government funds, etc.	According to U.S. ICE news, this financial fraud scam has resulted in the loss of millions of U.S. dollars.	1. U.S. ICE; 2. U.S. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) ; 3. South African Police Service's Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation; 4. South Africa's Crime Intelligence; 5. INTERPOL; 6. South Africa Tactical Response Team; and 7. South Africa Department of Home Affairs – Immigration	<b>Indictment:</b> <a href="http://www.ice.gov/doclib/news/releases/2014/140521pretoria.pdf">http://www.ice.gov/doclib/news/releases/2014/140521pretoria.pdf</a>	1. Count 1 : 18 U.S.C. § 1341, 1343, 1344 & 1349 ; 2. Count 2: 18 U.S.C. § 1028 (a)(7); 1029 (a)(3); 1029(a)(5); 641; & 371; 3. Count 3: 18 U.S.C. § 1341	1. UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/usa/joint_us_-_south_africa_operation.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/usa/joint_us_-_south_africa_operation.html</a> 2. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), News: <a href="http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/cyber-financial-fraud-investigation-nets-numerous-arrests-south-africa-canada-us">http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/cyber-financial-fraud-investigation-nets-numerous-arrests-south-africa-canada-us</a>
<b>U.S. v. Kilbride</b> (2003)	<b>Origin:</b> Defendants operated of their business overseas, running it through Ganymede Marketing ("Ganymede"), a Mauritian company, and using servers located in the Netherlands. <b>Target:</b> Unclear, but including individuals located in U.S. [U.S. government called 8 witnesses from various parts of the country who had complained to the Federal Trade Commission about defendants' emails.]	Individuals who received defendants' emails	N/A	U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals: The court affirmed the defendants' convictions and sentences and recognized that there was a clerical error with regard to counts 1-3 (the CAN-SPAM Act offences) and remanded.	<b>Information on court decision:</b> <a href="http://www.nyls.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/141/2013/08/584-F.3d-1240-US-v.-Kilbride.pdf">http://www.nyls.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/141/2013/08/584-F.3d-1240-US-v.-Kilbride.pdf</a>	1. Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1037(a)(3), § 1037(a)(3) and (a)(4); 2. 18 U.S.C. § 1462; 3. 18 U.S.C. § 1465; 4. 18 U.S.C. § 1956; and 5. 18 U.S.C. § 2257. [The court recognized there was a clerical error with regard to acts relating to the CAN-SPAM Act (15 U.S.C.) offenses and remanded.]	UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/usa/2009/us_v_kilbride.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/usa/2009/us_v_kilbride.html</a>

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<b>Operation: In Our Sites (IOS) Transatlantic V</b> [the transnational operation – called 'In Our Sites (IOS) Transatlantic V'] (Date of incident: Unrelated to this operation, Date of seizure of Intellectual Property (IP) infringing websites: since November 2012 (according to UNODC Cybercrime Repository))	<b>Origin:</b> Jurisdictional <b>Origin:</b> Unrelated to this operation. (Countries involved in this operation: several EU countries and U.S. according to UNODC Cybercrime Repository) <b>Target:</b> Unrelated to this operation (Countries involved in this operation: several EU countries and U.S. according to UNODC Cybercrime Repository)		(Computer-related or online) Infringement of IP Rights by selling, purchasing (or trafficking) counterfeit products on websites by infringing IP rights' holders	1. EUROPOL and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) together with 25 law enforcement agencies from 19 countries carried out this investigation.  2. Trademarks holders reported several infringing websites to EUROPOL and U.S. National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center (IPR Center), which alerted the competent national authorities			1. UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/xxx/operation_in_our_sites_ios_transatlantic_v.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/xxx/operation_in_our_sites_ios_transatlantic_v.html</a>  2. EUROPOL Press Release: <a href="https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/292-internet-domain-names-seized-selling-counterfeit-products">https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/292-internet-domain-names-seized-selling-counterfeit-products</a>
<b>Operation Strikeback</b> (Date of incident: unrelated to this operation, Date of launch of this operation: late in 2013)	<b>Origin:</b> Unrelated to this operation (Countries involved in this operation: Philippines, U.K., U.S., Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Korea according to UNODC Cybercrime Repository) <b>Target:</b> Unrelated to this operation (Countries involved in this operation: Philippines, U.K., U.S., Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Korea according to UNODC Cybercrime Repository)		Online sexual exploitation (online sextortion cases)	INTERPOL Digital Crime Centre (IDCC) launched the operation in cooperation with Police Scotland, the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Philippines Department of Justice Office of Cybercrime, the U.K.'s National Crime Agency CEOP Command, the Hong Kong Police Force and the Singapore Police Force. The investigators identified (1) victims in a number of jurisdictions, including Indonesia, the Philippines, the U.K. and the U.S. and (2) potential victims in Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia and Singapore.			1. UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/phl/operation_strikeback.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/phl/operation_strikeback.html</a>  2. INTERPOL Press Release: <a href="http://www.interpol.int/News-and-media/News/2014/N2014-075">http://www.interpol.int/News-and-media/News/2014/N2014-075</a>  3. Timeline of Operation Strikeback combating 'sextortion' <a href="http://www.unodc.org/res/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/phl/operation_strikeback.html/2014-075-Timeline-of-Operation-Strikeback.pdf">http://www.unodc.org/res/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/phl/operation_strikeback.html/2014-075-Timeline-of-Operation-Strikeback.pdf</a>

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<b>Facebook, Inc. v. Jeremy Fisher, etc.</b> (Since November 2008)	<b>Origin:</b> (Name of the State, U.S. where the defendants resided or located) D1, D4: New York; D2, D5, D6 California; D3, D7: Colorado <b>Target:</b> (Facebook servers located in) California	Facebook servers (located in California)	N/A	According to UNODC case Info, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California San Jose Division issued an Order Granting Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) upon request of Facebook. [Further details to be checked by review of the Complaint, TRO, and order granting plaintiff's motion for declaratory judgment.]	<b>Complaint:</b> <a href="http://media.scmagazineus.com/documents/12/facebook_lawsuit_2808.pdf">http://media.scmagazineus.com/documents/12/facebook_lawsuit_2808.pdf</a> <b>TRO:</b> <a href="https://cases.justia.com/federal/district-courts/california/candce/5:2009cv05842/222386/21/0.pdf?ts=1377125623">https://cases.justia.com/federal/district-courts/california/candce/5:2009cv05842/222386/21/0.pdf?ts=1377125623</a> <b>Order granting plaintiff's motion for declaratory judgment:</b> <a href="http://www.plainsite.org/dockets/download.html?id=24299386&amp;z=e2682a55">http://www.plainsite.org/dockets/download.html?id=24299386&amp;z=e2682a55</a>	1. Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003 (CAN-SPAM), 15 U.S.C. § 7701, etseq;; 2. Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1030; 3. California Business and Professions Code, § 22948, The California Anti-Phishing Act of 2005; 4. California Comprehensive Computer Data Access and Fraud Act, California Penal Code § 502.	UNODC, Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/usa/2009/facebook_inc_v_jeremy_fisher.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/usa/2009/facebook_inc_v_jeremy_fisher.html</a>

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<b>Microsoft (MS) v. ZeroAccess Botnet operators [Operation: Disruption of the ZeroAccess botnet] (2013)</b>	<b>Origin:</b> Texas and the Western District of Texas, U.S. <b>Target:</b> 1. ZeroAccess Infected Computers: located in U.S. and Europe; 2. Infected computers relied on servers located at 18 IP addresses and 49 Internet domains maintained by defendants at hosting companies in Germany, Latvia, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands.	(1) Infecting computers of individuals: Computers of individuals (2) Online advertising fraud (browser hijacking and click fraud): MS, and its advertiser, and/or customers	Infecting more than 2 million computers, specifically targeting search results on Google, Bing and Yahoo search engines, and is estimated to cost online advertisers \$2.7 million each month.	MS Digital Crimes Unit disrupted a botnet in collaboration with (1) EUROPOL's European Cybercrime Centre (EC3); (2) law enforcement cybercrime units from Germany, Latvia, Luxembourg, Switzerland and the Netherlands; (3) FBI; and (4) leaders in the technology industry, including A10 Networks Inc.	<b>Complaint:</b> <a href="http://botnetlegalnotice.com/zeroaccess/files/Cmplt.pdf">http://botnetlegalnotice.com/zeroaccess/files/Cmplt.pdf</a> <b>Temporary Restraining Order(s):</b> 1) Jason Lyons, <a href="http://botnetlegalnotice.com/zeroaccess/files/Decl_Lyons.pdf">http://botnetlegalnotice.com/zeroaccess/files/Decl_Lyons.pdf</a> 2) David Anselmi, <a href="http://botnetlegalnotice.com/zeroaccess/files/Decl_Anselmi.pdf">http://botnetlegalnotice.com/zeroaccess/files/Decl_Anselmi.pdf</a>	1. Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1030 2. Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2701 3. Trademark Infringement Under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114 et. Seq. 4. False Designation of Origin Under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a) 5. Trademark Dilution Under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125 (C)	1. UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/xxx/2013/operation_disruption_of_the_zeroaccess_botnet.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/xxx/2013/operation_disruption_of_the_zeroaccess_botnet.html</a> 2. Microsoft News Center: <a href="http://news.microsoft.com/2013/12/05/microsoft-the-fbi-europol-and-industry-partners-disrupt-the-notorious-zeroaccess-botnet/">http://news.microsoft.com/2013/12/05/microsoft-the-fbi-europol-and-industry-partners-disrupt-the-notorious-zeroaccess-botnet/</a> 3. EUROPOL Press Release <a href="https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/notorious-botnet-infecting-2-million-computers-disrupted">https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/notorious-botnet-infecting-2-million-computers-disrupted</a>

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<b>U.S. v. Blake Benthall</b> [Operation Onymous (an operation launched by law enforcement officers and prosecutors in 16 European countries and U.S., coordinated with EUROPOL in Nov. 2014)] (1. Providing a platform for illicit trafficking in goods and services (fraudulent identification docs, drugs, hacking services): Nov. 2013 to Oct. 2014 2. Money laundering: Dec. 2013 to Oct. 2014)	<b>Origin:</b> Southern District of New York, U.S. and elsewhere <b>Target:</b> Not specified in a complaint, but possibly global, including Southern District of New York, U.S. and elsewhere (A Tor network is a worldwide network)	1. Computer-related illicit trafficking in goods and services (in drugs, fraudulent identification documents and computer-hacking services) 2. Computer-related money laundering	Amount of damages: N/A. According to the FBI, as of September 2014, Silk Road 2.0 was generating sales of at least approximately \$8 million per month and approximately 150,000 active users.	According to FBI , 1. FBI with help from the following, among others, 2. New York State Police, 3. Department of Justice's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section, 4. Drug Enforcement Administration; and 5. law enforcement authorities of France, Germany, Lithuania, the Netherlands, and the U.K. According to UNODC, 6. service providers and 7. EUROPOL	<b>Complaint:</b> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/November14/BlakeBenthallArrestPR/Benthall,%20Blake%20Complaint.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/November14/BlakeBenthallArrestPR/Benthall,%20Blake%20Complaint.pdf</a>	1. Narcotics trafficking conspiracy : 21 (Title 21). U.S.C. (United States Code), § (Section) 846; 2. Conspiracy to commit and aid and abet computer hacking: 18. U.S.C. § 1030(b); 3. Conspiracy to transfer fraudulent identification documents: 18. U.S.C. § 1028 (f); and 4. Money laundering conspiracy: 18. U.S.C. § 1956 (h)	1. UNODC Cybercrime Repository, <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/xxx/operation_onymous.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/xxx/operation_onymous.html</a> 2. EUROPOL Press Release, <a href="https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/global-action-against-dark-markets-tor-network">https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/global-action-against-dark-markets-tor-network</a> 3. FBI Press Release, <a href="http://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2014/operator-of-silk-road-2.0-website-charged-in-manhattan-federal-court">http://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2014/operator-of-silk-road-2.0-website-charged-in-manhattan-federal-court</a>

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<b>UEJF and LICRA v Yahoo! Inc and Yahoo France</b> (2000)	<b>Court's Location:</b> France <b>Place where defendants are incorporated:</b> Yahoo, France: France; Yahoo! Inc.: USA		Computer-related acts involving racism and xenophobia		N/A	<p><b>Court Decision:</b> The court ordered Yahoo! Inc. to take all the measures necessary to dissuade and prevent access to auctions for Nazi memorabilia and content supporting Nazism. The court ordered Yahoo, France to warn users that, should Yahoo's search results include content prohibited under French law, they shall refrain from accessing such content to avoid incurring legal sanctions.</p> <p><b>Legal Provision:</b> French Criminal Code, Article R645-1 which prohibits to "wear or exhibit" in public uniforms, insignias and emblems which "recall those used" by (i) an organization declared illegal in application of Art. 9 of the Nuremberg Charter, or (ii) a person found guilty of crimes against humanity.</p>	UNODC Cybercrime Repository: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/fra/2000/uejf_and_licra_v_yahoo_inc_and_yahoo_france.html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimetype/fra/2000/uejf_and_licra_v_yahoo_inc_and_yahoo_france.html</a>



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<b>Yahoo! Inc. v UEJF and LICRA</b> (1. District Court, Proceedings 1 and 2: 2001 2. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Proceeding 3: 2004; Proceeding 4: 2006; and 3. Supreme Court, Proceeding 5: 2006)	<b>Court location: U.S.</b> <b>Location where defendants are incorporated:</b> 1. UEJF (Union of French Jewish Students): French non-profit organization 2. LICRA (International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism): French organization		Computer-related acts involving racism and xenophobia [Allowing users to post Nazi paraphernalia and Third Reich memorabilia, in violation of Article R645-1 of French Criminal Code on Yahoo! Inc.run-auction websites.]			<b>U.S. Supreme Court's Decision:</b> Proceeding 5 (2006) The Supreme Court denied LICRA's request to issue an order to review the judgment (certiorari), <a href="http://www.unodc.org/res/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/usa/2006/yahoo_inc_v_uejf_and_licra_html/Supreme_Court_Certiorari.pdf">http://www.unodc.org/res/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/usa/2006/yahoo_inc_v_uejf_and_licra_html/Supreme_Court_Certiorari.pdf</a>  <b>Issue 1. legitimacy of limitations to freedom of expression:</b> The need for a balance between freedom of expression and prohibition of online illegal speech has been addressed in different ways under different jurisdictions.  <b>Issue 2. Extraterritorial applicability of domestic laws:</b> Transnational character of online communications challenges the concept of traditional jurisdiction. Asserting jurisdiction over website operators cause concerns over applicability of laws of the country where their websites are accessible.	<b>UNODC Cybercrime Repository:</b> <a href="http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/usa/2006/yahoo_inc_v_uejf_and_licra_html">http://www.unodc.org/cld/case-law-doc/cybercrimecrimetype/usa/2006/yahoo_inc_v_uejf_and_licra_html</a>

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<b>Flame and Stuxnet</b>	<b>Origin:</b> U.S. & Israel <b>Target:</b> Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Sudan and Israeli occupied territories	Intelligence and destroys capacity	N/A		N/A	N/A	<a href="http://rt.com/news/flame-stuxnet-kaspersky-iran-607/">http://rt.com/news/flame-stuxnet-kaspersky-iran-607/</a> <a href="http://www.wired.com/2012/05/flame/">http://www.wired.com/2012/05/flame/</a>
<b>Operation Ghost Click</b> (2007- Oct. 2011)	<b>Origin:</b> Estonia <b>Target:</b> U.S.	Over 4 million computers were infected in more than 100 countries. In the U.S., 500,000 computers were infected including those used by individuals, as well as computers housed in businesses and government entities such as NASA.	By rerouting internet traffic to websites which allowed for the perpetrators to be paid, the operation generated \$14 million in illegitimate income.	The U.S. FBI, NASA OIG, and the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board led the investigation. The National High Tech Crime Unit of the Dutch National Police Agency. The FBI and NASA OIG received assistance from multiple domestic and international private sector partners, including Georgia Tech University, Internet Systems Consortium, Mandiant, National Cyber-Forensics and Training Alliance, Neustar, Spamhaus, Team Cymru, Trend Micro, University of Alabama at Birmingham and members of an ad hoc group of subject matter experts known as the DNS Changer Working Group (DCWG)	<a href="https://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2011/manhattan-u.s.-attorney-charges-seven-individuals-for-engineering-sophisticated-internet-fraud-scheme-that-infected-millions-of-computers-worldwide-and-manipulated-internet-advertising-business">https://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2011/manhattan-u.s.-attorney-charges-seven-individuals-for-engineering-sophisticated-internet-fraud-scheme-that-infected-millions-of-computers-worldwide-and-manipulated-internet-advertising-business</a>	N/A	<a href="http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/november/malware_110911">http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/november/malware_110911</a> <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2011/manhattan-u.s.-attorney-charges-seven-individuals-for-engineering-sophisticated-internet-fraud-scheme-that-infected-millions-of-computers-worldwide-and-manipulated-internet-advertising-business">https://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2011/manhattan-u.s.-attorney-charges-seven-individuals-for-engineering-sophisticated-internet-fraud-scheme-that-infected-millions-of-computers-worldwide-and-manipulated-internet-advertising-business</a> <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2011/manhattan-u.s.-attorney-charges-seven-individuals-for-engineering-sophisticated-internet-fraud-scheme-that-infected-millions-of-computers-worldwide-and-manipulated-internet-advertising-business">https://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2011/manhattan-u.s.-attorney-charges-seven-individuals-for-engineering-sophisticated-internet-fraud-scheme-that-infected-millions-of-computers-worldwide-and-manipulated-internet-advertising-business</a>
<b>Morpho Cyber Espionage</b> (2012-present)	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S., Europe, and Canada	High profile technology, internet, commodities, and pharmaceutical companies.	confidential information and intellectual property	Detection by individual companies and private sector entities such as Symantec.			<a href="http://www.computerweekly.com/news/4500249597/Symantec-uncovers-Morpho-cyber-espionage-operation">http://www.computerweekly.com/news/4500249597/Symantec-uncovers-Morpho-cyber-espionage-operation</a>
<b>Pawn Storm</b> (2014)	<b>Origin:</b> <b>Target:</b> U.S., Europe, and Pakistan	Military, diplomatic and defence industry	Data	Researchers at Trend Micro uncovered the scheme.			<a href="http://www.computerweekly.com/news/2240233415/Researchers-uncover-sophisticated-cyber-espionage-campaign">http://www.computerweekly.com/news/2240233415/Researchers-uncover-sophisticated-cyber-espionage-campaign</a>

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<b>State of Tamil Nadu vs. Suhas Katti</b> (2/1/2004)	<b>Origin:</b> India <b>Target:</b> India	A known family friend who refused to marry Suhas Katti	N/A	Police responded by tracing the accused to Mumbai and arresting him following a complaint made by the victim.		" The accused is found guilty of offences under section 469, 509 IPC and 67 of IT Act 2000 and the accused is convicted and is sentenced for the offence to undergo RI for 2 years under 469 IPC and to pay fine of Rs.500/- and for the offence u/s 509 IPC sentenced to undergo 1 year Simple imprisonment and to pay fine of Rs.500/- and for the offence u/s 67 of IT Act 2000 to undergo RI for 2 years and to pay fine of Rs.4000/- All sentences to run concurrently."	

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<b>National Association of Software and Service Companies vs Ajay Sood &amp; others</b> (3/1/2005)	<b>Origin:</b> India <b>Target:</b> India	Software and Service Companies	N/A	Delhi HC issued judgement in the lawsuit		<p>"The Delhi HC stated that even though there is no specific legislation in India to penalize phishing, it held phishing to be an illegal act by defining it under Indian law as "a misrepresentation made in the course of trade leading to confusion as to the source and origin of the e-mail causing immense harm not only to the consumer but even to the person whose name, identity or password is misused." The court held the act of phishing as passing off and tarnishing the plaintiff's image. The defendants were operating a placement agency involved in head-hunting and recruitment. In order to obtain personal data, which they could use for purposes of headhunting, the defendants composed and sent e-mails to third parties in the name of Nasscom. The high court recognised the trademark rights of the plaintiff and passed an ex-parte adinterim injunction restraining the defendants from using the trade name or any other name deceptively similar to Nasscom. The court further restrained the defendants from holding themselves out as being associates or a part of Nasscom."</p>	

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<b>SMC Pneumatics India Pvt. Ltd. v. Jogesh Kwatra (2001)</b>	<b>Origin:</b> India <b>Target:</b> India	SMC Pneumatics India Pvt. Ltd.	N/A	Court of Delhi		<p>"After hearing detailed arguments of Counsel for Plaintiff, Hon'ble Judge of the Delhi High Court passed an ex-parte ad interim injunction observing that a prima facie case had been made out by the plaintiff. Consequently, the Delhi High Court restrained the defendant from sending derogatory, defamatory, obscene, vulgar, humiliating and abusive emails either to the plaintiffs or to its sister subsidiaries all over the world including their Managing Directors and their Sales and Marketing departments. Further, Hon'ble Judge also restrained the defendant from publishing, transmitting or causing to be published any information in the actual world as also in cyberspace which is derogatory or defamatory or abusive of the plaintiffs."</p>	

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<b>Vyakti Vikas Kendra, India Public Charitable Trust THR Trustee Mahesh Gupta &amp; ORS vs. Jitender Baggaa &amp; ANR.</b> (2013)	<b>Origin:</b> India <b>Target:</b> India	4 individuals connected to the India Public Trust, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, and Art of Living Teacher.	N/A			<p>Defendant No.2 (D2) is an “intermediary” within the definition of Section 2(1)(w) and Section 79 of the Information Technology Act, 2000. Under Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act, 2000, D2 is under an obligation to remove unlawful content if it receives actual notice from the affected party of any illegal content being circulated/published through its service. D2 is also bound to comply with Information Technology (Intermediaries Guidelines) Rules 2011. Rule 3(3) of the said rules read with</p> <p>Rule 3(2) requires an intermediary to observe due diligence or publish any information that is grossly harmful, defamatory, libellious, disparaging or otherwise unlawful.</p> <p>Rule 3(4) of the said rule provides obligation of an intermediary to remove such defamatory content within 36 hours from receipt of actual knowledge. The said rule is cited below for easy reference.</p>	

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<b>State of Tamil Nadu vs. Suhas Katti</b>	Suhas Katti: An individual who took up harassment via the internet against a female target.	Feb-04	India	India	A known family friend who refused to marry Suhas Katti	"Posting of obscene, defamatory, and annoying messages" about the victim in a yahoo message group. The harassment campaign also involved the creation of fake emails and email communications.		Police responded by tracing the accused to Mumbai and arresting him following a complaint made by the victim.	" The accused is found guilty of offences under section 469, 509 IPC and 67 of IT Act 2000 and the accused is convicted and is sentenced for the offence to undergo RI for 2 years under 469 IPC and to pay fine of Rs.500/- and for the offence u/s 509 IPC sentenced to undergo 1 year Simple imprisonment and to pay fine of Rs.500/- and for the offence u/s 67 of IT Act 2000 to undergo RI for 2 years and to pay fine of Rs.4000/- All sentences to run concurrently."	



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<b>National Association of Software and Service Companies vs Ajay Sood &amp; others</b>	A placement company involved in headhunting and recruitment.	Mar-05	India	India	Software and Service Companies	Phishing		Delhi HC issued judgement in the lawsuit	“The Delhi HC stated that even though there is no specific legislation in India to penalize phishing, it held phishing to be an illegal act by defining it under Indian law as “a misrepresentation made in the course of trade leading to confusion as to the source and origin of the e-mail causing immense harm not only to the consumer but even to the person whose name, identity or password is misused.” The court held the act of phishing as passing off and tarnishing the plaintiff’s image. The defendants were operating a placement agency involved in head-hunting and recruitment. In order to obtain personal data, which they could use for purposes of headhunting, the defendants composed and sent e-mails to third parties in the name of Nasscom. The high court recognised the trademark rights of the plaintiff and passed an ex-parte adinterim injunction restraining the defendants from using the trade name or any other name deceptively similar to Nasscom. The court further restrained the defendants from holding themselves out as being associates or a part of Nasscom.”	

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<b>SMC Pneumatics India Pvt. Ltd. v. Jogesh Kwatra</b>	Employee at company bringing lawsuit.	2001	India	India	SMC Pneumatics India Pvt. Ltd.	Harassment		Court of Delhi	“After hearing detailed arguments of Counsel for Plaintiff, Hon’ble Judge of the Delhi High Court passed an ex-parte ad interim injunction observing that a prima facie case had been made out by the plaintiff. Consequently, the Delhi High Court restrained the defendant from sending derogatory, defamatory, obscene, vulgar, humiliating and abusive emails either to the plaintiffs or to its sister subsidiaries all over the world including their Managing Directors and their Sales and Marketing departments. Further, Hon’ble Judge also restrained the defendant from publishing, transmitting or causing to be published any information in the actual world as also in cyberspace which is derogatory or defamatory or abusive of the plaintiffs.”	

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<b>Vyakti Vikas Kendra, India Public Charitable Trust THR Trustee Mahesh Gupta &amp; ORS vs. Jitender Baggaa &amp; ANR.</b>	Defendants posted defamatory material on blogger webpage	2013	India	India	4 individuals connected to the India Public Trust, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, and Art of Living Teacher.	Defendants posted a high volume of highly defamatory materials on an internet website and indiscriminantly sent defamatory emails. The materials included personal attacks or alleged defamation, parody or satire of individuals, distasteful imagery or language, and political or social commentary.			<p>Defendant No.2 (D2) is an “intermediary” within the definition of Section 2(1)(w) and Section 79 of the Information Technology Act, 2000. Under Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act, 2000, D2 is under an obligation to remove unlawful content if it receives actual notice from the affected party of any illegal content being circulated/ published through its service. D2 is also bound to comply with Information Technology (Intermediaries Guidelines) Rules 2011. Rule 3(3) of the said rules read with</p> <p>Rule 3(2) requires an intermediary to observe due diligence or publish any information that is grossly harmful, defamatory, libellious, disparaging or otherwise unlawful.</p> <p>Rule 3(4) of the said rule provides obligation of an intermediary to remove such defamatory content within 36 hours from receipt of actual knowledge. The said rule is cited below for easy reference.</p>	

## Miscellaneous Attacks (to demonstrate capability)

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<b>Flame and Stuxnet</b>	Allegedly Governments		U.S. & Israel	Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Sudan and Israeli occupied territories.	Intelligence and destroys capacity	N/A	Malware-spreads through bluetooth, controls, copies and destroys. Shows the power of cyber attacks.			<a href="http://rt.com/news/flame-stuxnet-kaspersky-iran-607">http://rt.com/news/flame-stuxnet-kaspersky-iran-607</a> <a href="http://www.wired.com/2012/05/flame/">http://www.wired.com/2012/05/flame/</a>
<b>Operation Ghost Click</b>		2007- Oct. 2011	Estonia	U.S.			Domain Name System (DNS) hacked millions of computers to make money from marketing companies through the manipulation of viewer data.			<a href="http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/november/malware_110911">http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/november/malware_110911</a>
<b>Morpho Cyber Espionage</b>	Corporate espionage group dubbed 'Morpho'	2012-present		US, Europe and Canada	High profile technology, internet, commodities, and pharmaceutical companies.	confidential information and intellectual property	Application of malware Mac OS X backdoor program known as OSX.Pintized as well as windows backdoor program Backdoor. Jiripbot		Detection by individual companies and private sector entities such as Semantec.	<a href="http://www.computerweekly.com/news/4500249597/Symantec-uncovers-Morpho-cyber-espionage-operation">http://www.computerweekly.com/news/4500249597/Symantec-uncovers-Morpho-cyber-espionage-operation</a>
<b>Pawn Storm</b>	cyber espionage group	2014		U.S., Europe, and Pakistan	Military, diplomatic and defence industry	Data	Operation was dubbed 'pawn storm' because the attackers used two or more connected tools or tactics to attack a target. Used phishing and spear-phishing.Used javascript trick to target Microsoft Outlook Web Access then specifically crafted emails to manipulate targets into visiting bogus Micorsoft outlook web access pages where they would enter their credentials.		Researchers at Trend Micro uncovered the scheme.	<a href="http://www.computerweekly.com/news/2240233415/Researchers-uncover-sophisticated-cyber-espionage-campaign">http://www.computerweekly.com/news/2240233415/Researchers-uncover-sophisticated-cyber-espionage-campaign</a>

# Overview of Multilateral Instruments on Cybercrime

Multilateral Instrument	Binding Multilateral Instruments on Cybercrime	Non-binding Multilateral Instruments on Cybercrime
Instruments developed in the context of, or inspired by, the Council of Europe or EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Council of Europe, Convention on Cybercrime (2001), Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (2003), and Convention on Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (2007)</li> <li>■ EU legislation including on e-Commerce (2000/31/EC), on Combating Fraud and Counterfeiting of Non-Cash Means of Payment (2001/413/JHA), on Personal Data (2002/58/EC as amended), on Attacks against Information Systems (2013/40/EU replacing 2005/222/JHA) and Proposal for 2005/222/JHA [COM(2010) 517 final], and on Child Pornography (2011/92/EU)</li> </ul>	Commonwealth Model Laws on Computer and Computer-related Crime (2002) and Electronic Evidence (2002)
Instruments developed by the CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Agreement on Cooperation among the States members of the CIS in Combating Offences related to Computer Information (2001)	
Instruments developed by the SCO	Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the SCO on Cooperation in the Field of International Information Security (2009)	
Instruments developed in the African context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Directive on Fighting Cybercrime within ECOWAS (2011)</li> <li>■ African Union, African Union Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection (2014)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ East African Community (EAC) Legal Framework for Cyberlaws (Draft) (2008)</li> <li>■ Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Cyber Crime Model Bill (2011)</li> <li>■ ITU, Harmonization of ICT Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa ("HIPSSA"), Southern African Development Community (SADC) Model Law on Computer Crime and Cybercrime (2013)</li> </ul>
Instruments developed by the League of Arab States	League of Arab States, Arab Convention on Combating Information Technology Offences (2010)	League of Arab States, Model Law on Combating Information Technology Offences (2004)
Instruments developed in the context of Pacific Islands		ITU, Information and Communications Capacity Building for Pacific Island Countries ("ICB4PAC"), Electronic Crimes : Knowledge-Based Report (Skeleton) (2013)
Instruments developed in the Caribbean context		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ITU, Harmonization of ICT Policies, Legislation and Regulatory Procedures in the Caribbean ("HIPCAR"), Model Legislative Texts on Cybercrime/e-Crime (2012) and Electronic Evidence (2013)</li> <li>■ Organization for Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Electronic Crimes Bill (Fourth Draft) (2011) and Electronic Evidence Bill (Third Draft) (2011)</li> </ul>

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<b>Definitions</b>												
Computer/Information/ Electronic System	Art.1		Art. 1 (a)	Art. 2(5)		Art. 1	Sec.1	Sec.2	Sec.3	Sec. 3(5)	Sec.3(5)	Sec. 3(13)
Computer (Electronic) data [Computer information, Data]	Art.1	Art. 1(b)	Art. 1(b)	Arts. 2(1), 2(3)		Art. 1	Sec. 1	Sec.2	Sec.3	Sec. 3(6)	Sec. 3(6)	Secs. 3(9), 3 (18)
Subscriber information			Art. 18 (3)	Art. 2(9)			Sec. 1	Sec.2				
Traffic data			Art. 1(d)				Sec. 1	Sec.2	Sec. 3	Sec. 3 (18)	Sec. 3 (22)	Sec. 3 (24)
Service provider/ISP			Art. 1 (c)	Art. 2(2)			Sec. 1	Sec.2	Sec. 3	Sec. 3 (17)	Sec. 3 (21)	Sec. 3 (20)
<b>Substantive Law, Cybercrime Acts, Acts Directed against the Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability of Computer systems or Data, Criminalization</b>												
Illegal access to a computer system	Arts. 29 (1) a), 29 (1) b)		Art. 2	Art. 6 (1)		Art. 4	Sec. 18	Secs. 4 (1) (a), 4(2)	Sec. 5	Sec. 4	Sec. 4	Sec. 2
Illegal interception	Art. 29 (2) a)		Art. 3	Art. 7		Art. 8	Sec. 21		Sec. 8	Sec. 6	Sec. 6	Sec. 4
Illegal interference with computer data	Arts. 29 (1) e), 29 (1) f)	Art. 3 (1) c)	Art.4.	Art. 8		Arts. 7, 9	Sec. 20 (2)	Secs. 4(1)(d4 (1) (i), 4 (2)	Sec. 6	Sec. 7	Sec. 7	Sec. 5
Illegal interference with a computer system	Art. 29 (1) d)	Art. 3 (1) c)	Art. 5	Art. 6(2)a)		Art. 6	Sec. 20(1)	Secs. 4(1)(d4 (1) (i), 4 (2)	Sec. 6	Sec. 7	Sec. 7	Sec. 5
Misuse of devices	Art. 29 (1) h)	Art. 3(1)b)	Art. 6	Art. 9		Art. 14	Sec. 22	Sec. 19	Sec. 9	Sec. 10	Sec. 10	Sec. 8
Illegal access to computer data		Art. 3(1)a)					Sec. 19					
Illegal acquisition of computer data								Sec. 4(1)(b)		Sec. 8	Sec. 8	Sec. 6
Illegal remaining in a computer system	Art. 29 (1), c)					Art. 5				Sec. 5	Sec. 5	Sec. 3

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Substantive Law, Cybercrime Acts, Acts Committed by Use of Computer Systems or Data, Computer-related Acts, Criminalization												
Criminalization	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3, 8</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>7</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
Computer-related forgery	Art. 29 (2) b)		Art 7.	Art. 10		Art. 10	Sec. 23	Sec.8		Sec. 11	Sec. 11	
Computer-related fraud	Art. 29 (2) d)		Art. 8	Art. 11		Art. 11	Sec. 24	Sec. 9		Sec. 12	Sec. 12	Sec. 10
Computer-related copyright-and trademark offences		Art. 3(1) (d)	Art. 10	Art. 17								
Sending SPAM, etc.							Sec. 19(7)	Sec. 5		Sec. 15	Sec. 19	Sec. 14
Computer-related identity offences								Sec.6		Sec. 14	Sec. 15	Sec. 13
Computer-related solicitation of a child (grooming)			Lanzarote									Sec. 19
Cyber-harassment										Sec. 18	Sec. 22	
Cyber-stalking								Sec. 17				Sec. 17
Sending offensive messages through communication services								Sec. 5				



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Substantive Law, Cybercrime Acts, Acts Committed by Use of Computer Systems or Data , Computer Content-related Acts, Criminalization												
Criminalization	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3, 7</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>9</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
Computer-related child pornography offence	Arts. 29 (3) 1) a) to 29 (3) 1) c)		Art 9.	Arts. 12 (2), 12 (3)		Arts. 16-18		Sec. 13	Sec. 10	Sec. 13	Sec. 13	Sec. 11
Computer-related dissemination of racist and xenophobic material	Art. 29 (3) 1) e)		Additional Protocol, Art. 3			Art. 20					Sec. 16 (c)	
Computer-related racist and xenophobic motivated threat	Art. 29 (3) 1) f)		Additional Protocol, Art. 4			Art. 21						
Computer-related racist and xenophobic motivated insult	Art. 29 (3) 1) g)		Additional Protocol, Art. 5			Art. 22					Sec. 17	
Computer-related denial or justification of genocide or crimes against humanity	Art. 29 (3) 1) h)		Additional protocol, Art. 6			Art. 23					Sec. 18	
Computer-related acts in support of terrorism				Arts. 15 (1) to 15 (3)								
Cyber-defamation								Sec. 7				Sec. 20
Computer-related pornography offence				Arts. 12 (1), 13		Arts. 16, 17, 18						Sec. 12
Facilitation of access of a child to pornography	Art. 29 (3) 1) d)					Art. 19					Sec. 14	
Computer-related religious offences				Art. 15(4)								Sec. 21

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Computer-related money laundering				Art. 16 (1)								
Computer-related illicit trafficking				Arts. 16 (2) to 16(4)								
Illegal online gambling				Art. 13								Sec. 18
Computer-related extortion							Sec. 25					
Computer-related acts involving personal information/personal data	Art. 29 (2) e)					Art. 12						
Computer-related breach of secrecy	Art. 31 (2) c)											
Use of forged/ fraudulently obtained data	Art. 29 (2) c)				Art. 13							
Illicit use of electronic payment tools				Art. 18								
Computer-related acts against privacy				Art. 14				Sec.11				
Disclosure of details of an investigation by a service provider								Sec. 29(2)	Sec. 21 (1)	Sec. 16	Sec. 20	Sec. 15

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Failure to provide assistance in an investigation									Sec. 13(2)	Sec. 17	Sec. 21	Sec. 16
Failure to comply with in an investigative request								Secs. 23(4) (b), 23(5)				
Obstruction of an investigation								Secs. 23 (4) (a), 23 (5)				

Substantive Law, Sanctions and Liabilities												
Substantive Law, Sanctions and Liabilities	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>7</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
Aggravating circumstance for conventional offence committed by means of a computer system	Art. 30 (1) b)			Art. 21		Art. 24						
Attempt and aiding or abetting	Arts. 29 (1) a)-f), 29 (2) a)		Art.11	Art 19.			Sec. 26					Sec. 22
Corporate liability	Art. 30 (2)		Art. 12	Art. 20		Art. 27	Sec. 27					Sec. 22
Sanctions and measures	Art. 31		Art. 13			Arts. 28, 29.						

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Procedural Law												
Procedural Law	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>7</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
Scope of procedural provisions			Art. 14	Art. 22			Sec. 28					
Procedural Conditions and Safeguards			Art. 15				Sec. 32					
Expedited preservation of stored computer data	Art. 31 (3) d)		Art. 16	Art. 23		Art. 31	Sec. 33	Sec. 20	Sec. 17	Sec. 23	Sec. 28	Sec. 28
Expedited preservation and partial disclosure of traffic data			Art. 17	Art. 24			Sec. 34	Sec. 21	Sec. 18	Sec. 24	Sec. 29	Sec. 29
Expedited preservation of computers or storage media							Sec. 35					
Production order			Art. 18	Art. 25			Sec. 36	Sec. 22	Sec. 15	Sec. 22	Sec. 27	Sec. 27
Search and Seizure of a computer system or data	Arts. 31 (3) a), 31(3)b)		Arts. 19 (1) to 19 (3)	Arts. 26, 27(1)		Art. 30	Secs. 37 (1) to 37(3)		Secs. 12, 14	Sec. 20	Sec. 25	Sec. 25
Real-time collection of traffic data			Art. 20	Art. 28			Sec. 38	Sec. 24	Sec. 19	Sec. 25	Sec. 30	Sec. 30
Interception of content data	Art. 31 (3) e)		Art. 21	Art. 29			Sec. 39		Sec. 18	Sec. 26	Sec. 31	Sec. 31
Use of remote forensic tools										Sec. 27	Sec. 32	Sec. 32
Trans-border access to stored computer data			Art. 32	Art. 40			Sec. 49					
Provision of assistance in investigation	Art. 31 (3) e)		Art. 19 (4)	Art. 27 (2)			Sec. 37 (4)		Sec. 13	Sec. 21	Sec. 26	Sec. 26
Retention of Computer Data							Secs. 29 to 31					

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Admissibility of Electronic Evidence												
Admissibility of electronic evidence	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>9</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
Admissibility of electronic evidence	Arts. 6(6), 29 (4)					Art. 32	Sec. 5 (1)		Sec. 20	Sec. 5	Sec. 24	Sec. 24
Admissibility of foreign electronic evidence										Sec. 16		

Jurisdiction												
Jurisdiction	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>9</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
Committed within the territory			Art. 22 (1) (a)	Art. 30 (1) (a)			Sec. 40(1) (a)	Sec. 3 (a)	Sec. 4 (a)	Sec. 19 (a)	Sec. 23 (a)	Sec. 23 (a)
Committed on a registered ship or aircraft			Arts. 22 (1) (b), 22(1) (c)	Arts. 30 (1) (b), 30 (1) (c)			Sec. 40 (2)		Sec. 4 (b)	Sec. 19 (b)	Sec. 23 (b)	
Using a computer system/data within the territory							Sec. 40 (1) (b)					
Directed against a computer system/data within the territory							Sec. 40 (1) (c)					
Nationality principle (Offender)			Art. 22 (1) (d)	Art. 30 (1) (d)			Secs. 40 (3) (a), 40 (3) (b)		Secs. 4(c), 4(d)	Sec. 19 (c)	Secs. 23 (c), 23 (d)	Secs. 23 (b), 23 (c)
State interest principles				Art. 30 (1) (e)								

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Jurisdiction												
Jurisdiction	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>7</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
Jurisdiction when extradition refused			Art. 22 (3)	Art. 30 (2)			Sec. 40 (4)					
Concurrent jurisdiction			Art. 22 (4)	Art. 30 (3)			Sec. 40 (5)					
Establishment of place of offence							Sec. 40 (6)					
Dual Criminality			Art. 22 (1) (d)	Art. 30 (1) (d)			Sec. 40 (3) (a)		Sec. 4(d)	Sec. 19 (c)	Sec. 23 (d)	Sec. 23 (b)
Reservation			Art. 22 (2)				Sec. 40 (7)					

International Cooperation, International Cooperation: General Principles												
International Cooperation: General Principles	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>7</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
International Cooperation: General Principles	Art. 28	Art. 5	Art.23		Arts. 3-5	Art. 33	Sec. 41					
International Cooperation, Extradition : General Principles												
Extradition: General Principles	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>7</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
Extradition: General Principles			Art. 24	Art. 31			Sec. 42					
Dual criminality			Art. 24 (1) (a)	Art. 31 (1) (a)			Sec. 42 (1)					

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International Cooperation, International Cooperation: General Principles												
Extradition: General Principles	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>7</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
Extraditable Offences			Arts. 24 (1), 24 (2), 24(4)	Arts. 31(1), 31(2), 31(4)			Secs. 42(1), 42(3)	Sec. 31				
International Cooperation, Mutual Assistance (MA) : General Principles [Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA): General Rules]												
MA: General principles (MLA: General Rules)	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>7</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
MA: General principles (MLA–General Rules)	Art. 28 (2)	Art. 6	Arts. 25-27	Arts. 32-34			Secs. 43- 45					
Expedited means of communication or other urgent channels		Art. 6(2)	Arts. 25 (3), 27(9)	Arts. 32(3), 34 (8)			Secs. 43 (2), 45(8)					
Dual criminality	Art. 28 (2)		Art. 25 (5)	Art. 32 (5)			Sec. 43 (4)					
Spontaneous (Unsolicited) information		Art. 6(1)	Art. 26	Art. 33			Sec. 44					
Refusal of cooperation/ assistance		Art. 8	Arts. 25(4), 27(4)	Art. 35			Secs. 43(3), 45(5)					
Confidentiality of information to be provided and Limitation on Use		Art. 9	Art. 28	Art. 36	Art. 6		Secs. 45(9), 45(10)					
Confidentiality of the fact of any request made and its subject			Art. 27(8)	Art. 34(7)			Sec. 45(7)					



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International Cooperation, Mutual Assistance (MA): Specific Provisions [Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA): Specific Rules]												
MA: Specific Provisions (MLA: Specific Rules)	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>7</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
Expedited preservation of stored computer data			Art. 29	Art. 37			Sec. 46					
Expedited disclosure of preserved traffic data			Art. 30	Art. 38			Sec. 47					
MA: Accessing of stored computer data			Art. 31	Art. 39			Sec. 48					
Trans-border access to stored computer data			Art. 32	Art. 40			Sec. 49					
MA : Real-time collection of traffic data			Art. 33	Art. 41			Sec. 50					
MA : Interception of content data			Art. 34	Art. 42			Sec. 51					
International Cooperation, 24-7 Network												
24-7 Network	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>7</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
24/7 Network			Art. 35	Art. 43			Sec. 52					

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Service Provider Liability and Responsibility												
Service Provider Liability and Responsibility	AU <sup>1</sup>	CIS <sup>2</sup>	CoE <sup>3</sup>	LAS <sup>4</sup>	SCO <sup>5</sup>	ECOWAS <sup>6</sup>	COMESA <sup>7</sup>	OECS <sup>15</sup>	The Commonwealth <sup>10</sup>	ITU, HIPCAR <sup>11</sup>	ITU, HIPSSA <sup>12</sup>	ITU, ICB4PAC <sup>13</sup>
No general monitoring obligation							Sec. 17 (1)			Sec. 28	Sec. 33	Sec. 33
Voluntary Supply (Provision) of Information							Sec. 17 (2)					
Take-down notifications							Sec. 16					
Liability of access providers							Sec. 12			Sec. 29	Sec. 34	Sec. 34
Liability of caching providers							Sec. 13			Sec. 31	Sec. 35	Sec. 36
Liability of hosting providers							Sec. 14			Sec. 30	Sec. 36	Sec. 35
Liability of hyperlink providers							Sec. 15			Sec. 32	Sec. 37	Sec. 37
Liability of search engine providers										Sec. 33	Sec. 38	Sec. 38

## National Legal Frameworks on Combating Cybercrime (Assessment Table)

**Explanatory Note:** This Appendix reviews the legal frameworks of 196 countries, based on initial research on publicly available laws, regulations, and electronic data which were verified and updated based on a review of ITU<sup>1</sup> and UNCTAD data,<sup>1</sup> as well as UNCTAD's Cyber Law Tracker<sup>1</sup>. This Appendix provides an overview of national legal frameworks using the working definition of cybercrime adopted in sub-chapter II.A, with particular reference to whether acts against the confidentiality, integrity and

availability of computer systems or data ("core" cybercrime acts) are criminalized. However, countries are not deemed to have domestic legislation regarding cybercrime if 'core' cybercrime acts are not criminalized.<sup>1</sup> No distinction is made between laws because of how they are named. Some nations specifically refer to "cybercrime" or other similar term, in their laws, while for others, the same provisions are found in the penal code or criminal code.

National Legal Frameworks on Combating Cybercrime <sup>1</sup>						
Country Name <sup>2</sup>	Has domestic legislation regarding cybercrime <sup>3</sup>	Name of domestic legislation regarding cybercrime	International or Regional Instrument <sup>4</sup>			
			Budapest Convention	Arab Convention	CIS Agreement	SCO Agreement
<b>Afghanistan</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Albania</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (last amended in 2013) (e.g., Article 192/b)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Algeria</b>	Yes	Law No. 09-04 of 14 Sha'ban 1430 Corresponding to 5 August 2009 Containing Specific Rules on the Prevention and Fight Against Information Technologies and Communication's Crimes (enacted in 2009)	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Andorra</b>	Yes	Penal Code [Article 225 (Computer Damage)]	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Angola</b>	No & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Draft Law to Combat Crime in the Field of ICT and Services for the Information Society (2011)</li> <li>■ Preliminary Draft Penal Code [e.g., Article 399 (Computer Damage)]</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	Yes	Electronic Crimes Act, 2013	No	No	No	No
<b>Argentina</b>	Yes	Penal Code (enacted by Law No. 11, 179 of 1984 and amended by Law No. 26,388 of 2008) (e.g., Sections 153B, 153C, and 153D)	Invited to accede	No	No	No
<b>Armenia</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (adopted on 18 April 2003), Chapter 24. Crimes against computer information security (Articles 251-257)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No
<b>Australia</b>	Yes	Criminal Code [enacted by Act No. 12 of 1995 as amended up to Act No. 50 of 2010 and further amended by Act No. 120 of 2012 (Cybercrime Legislation Amendment Act 2012)], Chapter 10.National Infrastructure, Part 10.7 —Computer offences (Articles 476.1 to 478.4)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No

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National Legal Frameworks on Combating Cybercrime <sup>1</sup>						
Country Name <sup>2</sup>	Has domestic legislation regarding cybercrime <sup>3</sup>	Name of domestic legislation regarding cybercrime	International or Regional Instrument <sup>4</sup>			
			Budapest Convention	Arab Convention	CIS Agreement	SCO Agreement
<b>Austria</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (Sections 118a, 119, 119a, 126a, 126b, 126c, 148a, 225a)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Criminal Code (adopted on 30 September 1999 and came into force on 1 September 2000), Chapter 30. Crimes in Sphere of the Computer Information (Articles 271, 272, and 273)</li> <li>■ Criminal Procedure Code (adopted on 14 July 2000)</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No
<b>Bahamas, The</b>	Yes	Computer Misuse Act, 2006	No	No	No	No
<b>Bahrain</b>	Yes	Law No. 60 of 2014 concerning Information Technology Crimes	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Bangladesh</b>	Yes	Information & Communication Technology Act, 2006 [amended by Information & Communication Technology (Amendment) Act, 2013], Chapter VII. Offenses, Investigation, Adjudication, Penalties etc. (Sections 54 to 90)	No	No	No	No
<b>Barbados</b>	Yes	Computer Misuse Act, 2005	No	No	No	No
<b>Belarus</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (Penal Code) (enacted in 1999) (as amended up to 2013)], Section XII. Chapter 31. Crimes against information security (Articles 349-355)	No	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No
<b>Belgium</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Criminal Code (amended by Law on computer crime of 28 November 2000) (Article 210bis; Article 504quater, Article 550bis, Article 550ter)</li> <li>■ Criminal Procedure Code (Article 39bis; Article 88ter; Article 88quater; Article 90quater)</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Belize</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Benin</b>	No & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Draft Decree No. 200/MISP/DC/SGM/DGPN/SERCT/DER/SA related to the creation of a division in charge of the fight against internet crime</li> <li>■ Draft Law on the Fight against Cybercrime</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No

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<b>Bhutan</b>	Yes	Information, Communications and Media Act 2006, Provisions relating to certain cyber offenses (Sections 171 to 182)	No	No	No	No
<b>Bolivia</b>	Yes	■ Penal Code (Articles 363bis and 363 ter)	No	No	No	No
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (2003, amended in 2013) (Chapter 24A. Criminal Offences against Computer Data Security) (Articles 292a to 292e)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Botswana</b>	Yes	Cybercrime and Computer Related Crimes (Chapter 08: 06) (Date of commencement: 28 Dec. 2007)	No	No	No	No
<b>Brazil</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (enacted by Law No. 2, 848 of 1940, and amended by Law No. 9,983 of 2000, Law No. 11, 829 of 2008, Law No. 12, 735 of 2012, and Law No. 12, 737 of 2012) [e.g., Article 154 – A (Trespass of a computing device)]	No	No	No	No
<b>Brunei Darussalam</b>	Yes	■ Computer Misuse Act, 2007 (Chapter 194) ■ Penal Code [enacted in 1951, as last amended by Penal Code (Amendment) Order, 2012]	No	No	No	No
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Yes	■ Penal Code, Chapter 9, Computer Crimes (Articles 319a to Articles 319f) ■ Criminal Procedure Code	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	Yes & Draft Law	■ Penal Code, 1996 [Chapter V. Offences Concerning Computers (Articles 541-548)] ■ Draft Law on Cybercrime	No	No	No	No
<b>Burundi</b>	Yes	Penal Code (enacted in 2009) (Articles 467-470)	No	No	No	No
<b>Cabo Verde</b>	Yes	Penal Code [Article 187 (Illegal Computer Processing)]	No	No	No	No
<b>Cambodia</b>	Yes & Draft Law	■ Draft Cybercrime Law ■ Criminal Code (Articles 317 to 320, Articles 427 to 432)	No	No	No	No

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Cameroon	Yes	Law No. 12 of 2010 on Cybersecurity and Cybercrime (also known as "Law No. 12 of 2010 Relating to Cybersecurity and Cybercriminality")	No	No	No	No
Canada	Yes	Criminal Code [last amended by "Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act" (assented on 9 December 2014)]	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
Central African Republic	No		No	No	No	No
Chad	Yes	Law No. 14 of 2014 regarding Electronic Communications (Articles 114, 115, 116, and 120)	No	No	No	No
Chile	Yes	Law on Automated Data Processing Crimes (also known as "Law No. 19,223 of 1993 on Categories of Computer-Related Offenses")	Invited to accede	No	No	No
China	Yes	Criminal Law (adopted in 1979 and last amended in 2011) (Articles 285, 286 and 287)	No	No	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}
Colombia	Yes	Penal Code [enacted by Law No. 599 of 2000, amended by Law No. 1273 of 2009 (Protection of Information and Data), and last amended by Law No. 1336 of 2009] (Article 269A to Article 269J)	Invited to accede	No	No	No
Comoros	No		No	No	No	No
Congo, Dem. Rep.	No		No	No	No	No
Congo, Rep.	No & Draft Law	Draft Law on the Fight against Cybercrime (in progress)	No	No	No	No
Costa Rica	Yes	Penal Code [enacted by Law No. 4573 and amended by Law No. 9048 (10 July 2012) and last amended by Law No. 9135 (24 April 2013)] (Articles 196, 196bis, 217bis, 229bis)	Invited to accede	No	No	No
Cote d'Ivoire	Yes	Act No. 2013-451 dated 19 June 2013 on the fight against cybercrime	No	No	No	No

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<b>Croatia</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Criminal Code (Enacted by Text No. 2498 of 2011, Amended by Text No. 3076 of 2012, Date of Entry into Force: 1 January 2013) (Articles 266 –272)</li> <li>■ Criminal Procedure Code</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Cuba<sup>5</sup></b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Cyprus</b>	Yes	Law Ratifying the Cybercrime Convention of 2001 (No. 22(III)/2004)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Yes	Criminal Code, Act No. 40 of 2009 Coll. of January 8, 2009 (effective in 2010 and as amended in 2011) (Sections 230, 231, and 232)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Denmark</b>	Yes	Penal Code (Sections 263-263a)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Djibouti</b>	Yes	Penal Code [Chapter VII. Offences Concerning Computers (Articles 548-555)]	No	No	No	No
<b>Dominica</b>	No & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Electronic Crime Bill</li> <li>■ Computer and Computer Related Crimes Bill, 2005</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	Yes	Law No. 53 of 2007 on High Technology Crimes (adopted in 2007)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Ecuador</b>	Yes	Organic Comprehensive Criminal Code (Law No. 180 of 2014), (Articles 229 to 234)	No	No	No	No
<b>Egypt, Arab Rep.</b>	Yes & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Penal Code (Article 309bis)</li> <li>■ Telecommunication Regulation Law (Law No. 10 of 2003) (Article 78)</li> <li>■ Draft Cybercrime Law (2016)</li> </ul>	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>El Salvador</b>	Yes	Special Law against Computer and Related Crimes (Published on 26 Feb. 2016)	No	No	No	No



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<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Eritrea</b>	Yes	Penal Code (2015) [Art. 374 (Unauthorized Use of a Computer), Art. 375 (Aggravated Unauthorized Use of a Computer)]	No	No	No	No
<b>Estonia</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Criminal Code (Penal Code) (as amended up to Act RT I, 29.12.2011, 1) (Sections 206 to 208)</li> <li>■ Criminal Procedure Code</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Ethiopia</b>	Yes & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Criminal Code (Proclamation No.414/2004), [Part II. Special Part; Book VI. Crimes against Property; Title I. Crimes against rights in property; Section II. Computer Crimes (Articles 706-711)]</li> <li>■ Draft Cybercrime Law (2016) [called "(Draft) Computer Crime Proclamation No.../2016"]</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>Fiji</b>	Yes	Crimes Decree 2009 (Decree No. 44 of 2009) [Chapter III – Criminal Offences, Part 17 — Fraudulent Conduct, Division 6 — Computer Offences, Articles 336-346]	No	No	No	No
<b>Finland</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Criminal Code (Chapter 38 - Data and communications offences, Sections 1 to 12)</li> <li>■ Criminal Procedure Act</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>France</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Criminal Code [Book III. Felonies and Misdemeanors against Property, Title II. Other offences against Property, Chapter III. Unauthorized Access to Automated Data Processing (Articles 323-1 to 323-7)]</li> <li>■ Criminal Procedure Code</li> <li>■ Law No.2004-575 of 21 June 2004 regarding Confidence in the Digital Economy</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Gabon</b>	No & Draft Law	Draft Law on Cybercrime (in progress)	No	No	No	No
<b>Gambia</b>	Yes	Information and Communications Act, 2009 (amended by "Information and Communication (Amendment) Act, 2013"), Chapter 3- Information Society Issues (Sections 163-173)	No	No	No	No

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Georgia	Yes	Criminal Code, Chapter 35. Computer crimes (Articles 284, 285 and 286)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
Germany	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>German Criminal Code (e.g., Section 202a, Section 303a, Section 303b)</li> <li>German Code of Criminal Procedure</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
Ghana	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic Transactions Act (Act No. 772 of 2008), [Cyber inspectors (Sections 98 to 106), Cyber offences (Sections 107 to 140)]</li> <li>Criminal Code (Act 29 of 1960) (also known as "Criminal Offences Act")</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
Greece	Yes	Penal Code (amended by Law 1805/1988) (Articles 370 , 370C, 386 )	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
Grenada	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic Crimes Act of 2013</li> <li>[published in the Official Gazette on October 3, 2013 according to the International Press Institute (IPI)]</li> <li>Electronic Transactions Act, 2008 (Section 43)</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
Guatemala	Yes	Penal Code (Articles 274A to 274G)	No	No	No	No
Guinea	No		No	No	No	No
Guinea-Bissau	No		No	No	No	No
Guyana	No		No	No	No	No
Haiti	No		No	No	No	No
Holy See	No data		No	No	No	No
Honduras	No		No	No	No	No

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<b>Hungary</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (promulgated on 13 July 2012) (Sections 423-424)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Iceland</b>	Yes	Penal Code (Articles 155, 157, 158, 228, 249a, and 257)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>India</b>	Yes	Information Technology Act, 2000 [amended by Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008] (Sections 43 to 45, Sections 65 to 78)	No	No	No	No
<b>Indonesia</b>	Yes	Law Concerning Electronic Information and Transactions (No. 11 of 2008) (Articles 27 to 37, Articles 45 to 52)	No	No	No	No
<b>Iran, Islamic Rep.</b>	Yes	Computer Crimes Law	No	No	No	No
<b>Iraq</b>	No & Draft Law	Draft Informatics Crimes Law, 2010 (Revoked in 2013)	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Ireland</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act, 2001, Section 9</li> <li>■ Criminal Damages Act, 1991</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Israel</b>	Yes	Computers Law of 1995 [Chapter 2. Computer Offences (Sections 2 to 6)]	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Italy</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (amended by Law No. 547 of 23 December 1993. Amendment of the Provisions of the Penal Code & the Code of Criminal Procedure in Relation to Computer Criminality)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Jamaica</b>	Yes	Cybercrimes Act, 2010	No	No	No	No
<b>Japan</b>	Yes	Act on Prohibition of Unauthorized Computer Access (enacted in 1999 and amended in 2012 and 2013)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Jordan</b>	Yes	Information Systems Crime Law of 2010	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No

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<b>Kazakhstan</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (enacted in 1997 and amended in 2004), Chapter 7. Crimes in the Sphere of Economic Activity (Article 227)	No	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}
<b>Kenya</b>	Yes & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Draft Law: Cybercrime and Computer related Crimes Bill, 2014</li> <li>■ Information and Communications Act, 2009 [amended by “ Information and Communications (Amendment) Act, 2013”] (Sections 83U to 84F)</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>Kiribati</b>	Yes	Telecommunications Act, 2004 [Part VII – Computer Misuse (Sections 64 to 69)]	No	No	No	No
<b>Korea, Dem. People’s Rep.</b>	Yes	Criminal Law (last amended in 2012) (Articles 192, 193, and 194)	No	No	No	No
<b>Korea, Rep.</b>	Yes	Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection, etc. (last amended in 2015) [Chapter X. Penal Provisions (Articles 70 to 76)]	No	No	No	No
<b>Kosovo</b>	Yes	Law on Prevention and Fight of the Cyber Crime, 2010	No	No	No	No
<b>Kuwait</b>	Yes	Law No. 63 of 2015 on combating cyber crimes (effective as of 12 Jan. 2016)	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Kyrgyz Republic</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (enacted in 1997 and amended in 2006), Chapter 28. Crimes in the Sphere of Computer Information (Articles 289-291)	No	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}
<b>Lao PDR</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Latvia</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (Sections 241 to 245)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Lebanon</b>	No		No	No	No	No

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<b>Lesotho</b>	Yes & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Draft Law: Computer Crime and Cybercrime Bill, 2013</li> <li>■ Penal Code Act, 2010 (Government Gazette: 9 March 2012) [Section 62 (Misuse of property of another), Subsection (2)]</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>Liberia</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Libya</b>	No		No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (e.g., Article 126a, Article 126b)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Lithuania</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Criminal Code (enacted in 2000 and amended in 2010), Chapter 30. Crimes against Security of Electronic Data and Information Systems (Articles 196 to 198(2))</li> <li>■ Criminal Procedure Code</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Luxembourg</b>	Yes	Penal Code (as amended by Act of 15 Jul. 1993, Law of 14 Aug. 2000, Law of 10 Nov. 2006, and Law of 18 Jul. 2014) (Articles 231bis, 491, and 496, as well as, Section VII.4 – On offences in the field of data processing, Articles 509-1 to 509-7)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Macedonia, FYR</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (e.g., Article 251. Damage and unauthorized entering in a computer system)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Madagascar</b>	Yes	Act 2014-006 on the fight against cybercrime	No	No	No	No
<b>Malawi</b>	No & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Electronic Transactions Bill, 2015, Part X –Offences (Sections 86 to 98)</li> <li>■ E-Bill, 2012, Part V-Security in Digital Economy, Chapter 2-Cyber criminality, Sections 42 to 44</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>Malaysia</b>	Yes	Computer Crimes Act, 1997 (incorporating all amendments up to 2006)	No	No	No	No
<b>Maldives</b>	No		No	No	No	No

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<b>Mali</b>	Yes	Penal Code (Articles 264 to 271)	No	No	No	No
<b>Malta</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (Chapter 9) (Articles 337B to 337G)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Marshall Islands</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Mauritania</b>	No & Draft Law	Draft Law: Bill on Cybercrime	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Mauritius</b>	Yes	Computer Misuse and Cybercrime Act, 2003 (Act No. 22 of 2003)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Mexico</b>	Yes	Federal Criminal Code (Articles 211bis 1 to Articles 211bis 7)	Invited to accede	No	No	No
<b>Micronesia, Fed. Sts.</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Moldova</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (enacted in 2002 and amended in 2009), Chapter XI. Computer Crimes and Crimes in the Telecommunications Sphere (Articles 259-2611)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No
<b>Monaco</b>	Yes	Law on Digital Economy	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Mongolia</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (Enacted in 2002) [Special Part, Title 8. Crimes against Public Security and Health, Chapter 25: Crimes against the security of computer data (Articles 226 to 229)]	No	No	No	No
<b>Montenegro</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Criminal Code, Chapter 28. Criminal Acts against Safety of Computer Data (Articles 349 to 356)</li> <li>■ Criminal Procedure Code</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Morocco</b>	Yes	Penal Code (Articles 607-3 to 607-10)	Invited to accede	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Mozambique</b>	No		No	No	No	No

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<b>Myanmar</b>	Yes	Electronic Transactions Law, 2004 (Articles 2, 34, 38)	No	No	No	No
<b>Namibia</b>	No & Draft Law	Draft Law: Electronic Communication and Cybercrime Bill	No	No	No	No
<b>Nauru</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Nepal</b>	Yes	Electronic Transaction Act, 2008, Chapter 9. Offense relating to Computer (Sections 44-59)	No	No	No	No
<b>Netherlands</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (e.g., Art. 138ab and Art. 138b)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>New Zealand</b>	Yes	Crimes Act 1961 (amended by Crimes Amendment Act, 2003) (Articles 248-254)	No	No	No	No
<b>Nicaragua</b>	Yes	Penal Code (e.g., Article 198)	No	No	No	No
<b>Niger</b>	Yes	Penal Code, Title VII. Offences in the Field of Computers (Articles 399.2 to 399.9)	No	No	No	No
<b>Nigeria</b>	Yes	Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act, 2015	No	No	No	No
<b>Norway</b>	Yes	General Civil Penal Code (Penal Code) (e.g., Sections 145 to 146)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Oman</b>	Yes	Royal Decree No. 12 of 2011 Issuing the Cyber Crime Law	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Pakistan</b>	Yes & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Draft Law: Bill - Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2015</li> <li>■ Prevention of Electronic Crime Ordinance, 2009</li> <li>■ Electronic Transactions Ordinance 2002 (Sections 36 to 37)</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>Palau</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Panama</b>	Yes	Penal Code (approved by Law No. 14 of 2007, with amendments and additions introduced by Law No. 26 of 2008, Law No. 5 of 2009, and Law No. 14 of 2010) (Articles 289 to 292)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No



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Papua New Guinea	No		No	No	No	No
Paraguay	Yes	Penal Code (amended by Law No. 4439 of 2011 amending the Penal Code) [e.g., Article 174b (Unauthorized Access to Computer Systems)]	Invited to accede	No	No	No
Peru	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law No. 30096 of 2013 (Computer Crimes Act)</li> <li>Law 30171 of 2014 [Law amending the Law No. 30096 of 2013 (Computer Crimes Act)]</li> </ul>	Invited to accede	No	No	No
Philippines	Yes	Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 (Republic Act No. 10175 of 2012)	Invited to accede	No	No	No
Poland	Yes	Penal Code (Articles 267, 268 and 269)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
Portugal	Yes	Law No. 109/2009, of September 15 (Cybercrime Law)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
Qatar	Yes	Cybercrime Prevention Law (Law No. 14 of 2014)	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
Romania	Yes	Law on Certain Steps for Assuring Transparency in Performing High Official Positions, Public and Business Positions, for Prevention and Sanctioning the Corruption (Law No. 161/2003) (Anti-Corruption Law), Title III Preventing and Fighting Cyber Crime (Articles 34 to 67)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
Russian Federation	Yes	Criminal Code (enacted in 1996 and amended in 2012), Section IX. Crimes Against Public Security and Public Order, Chapter 28. Crimes in the Sphere of Computer Information (Articles 272, 273, and 274)	No	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}

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National Legal Frameworks on Combating Cybercrime <sup>1</sup>						
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			Budapest Convention	Arab Convention	CIS Agreement	SCO Agreement
<b>Rwanda</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organic Law instituting the Penal Code (No. 01/2012/OL of 02/05/2012), Section 5: Theft committed by use of computers or other similar devices (Articles 306 to 315)</li> <li>Law Relating to Electronic Messages, Electronic Signatures and Electronic Transactions (No. 18/2010 of 12/05/2010), Chapter 9: Computer Misuse and Cyber Crime (Articles 58 to 65)</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>Samoa</b>	Yes	Crimes Act (No 10. of 2013), Part 18. Crimes involving Electronic Systems (Sections 205 to 220)	No	No	No	No
<b>San Marino</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law No. 70 of 1995, Rules Concerning the Processing of Personal Data related to Information Technology (Article 17)</li> <li>Penal Code (Articles 402 and 403)</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>Sao Tome and Principe</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Yes	Anti-Cyber Crime Law (2007)	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Senegal</b>	Yes	Penal Code (as amended by Law No. 2008-11 on Cybercrime) (Arts. 431-7 to 431-63; 677-34 to 677-42)	Invited to accede	No	No	No
<b>Serbia</b>	Yes	Criminal Code, Chapter 27. Criminal Offense against Security of Computer Data (Articles 298-304a)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Seychelles</b>	Yes	Computer Misuse Act [enacted by Computer Misuse Act (Act No. 17 of 1998) and amended by Computer Misuse (Amendment) Act (Act No. 6 of 2012)]	No	No	No	No
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Singapore</b>	Yes	Computer Misuse and Cybersecurity Act (Chapter 50A)	No	No	No	No
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (Law No. 300 of 2005) [e.g., Section 247 (Harm Done to and Abuse of an Information Carrier )]	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No

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			Budapest Convention	Arab Convention	CIS Agreement	SCO Agreement
<b>Slovenia</b>	Yes	Penal Code [e.g., Article 225 (Unauthorized Access to an Information System)]	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Solomon Islands</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Somalia</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>South Africa</b>	Yes & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 2002 (No. 25 of 2002), Chapter 8: Cybercrime (Sections 85-89)</li> <li>Cybercrimes Bill, 2015</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>South Sudan</b>	Yes	Penal Code Act, 2008, Chapter 27. Computer and Electronic Related Offenses (Sections 388 to 394)	No	No	No	No
<b>Spain</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (e.g., Article 197)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	Yes	Computer Crime Act (also known as “ Computer Crimes Act”), (No. 24 of 2007)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>St. Kitts and Nevis</b>	Yes	Electronic Crimes Act, 2009	No	No	No	No
<b>St. Lucia</b>	No & Draft Law	Draft Law: Electronic Crimes Bill, 2009	No	No	No	No
<b>St. Vincent and the Grenadines</b>	Yes	Electronic Transactions Act, 2007, Part X. Information Systems and Computer Related Crimes (Sections 64 to 73)	No	No	No	No
<b>Sudan</b>	Yes	The Informatic Offences (Combating) Act, 2007	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Suriname</b>	No & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bill of the First Book of the Criminal Code (2006)</li> <li>Bill of the Second Book of the Criminal Code (2009) (e.g., Articles 187g, 213C, and 414a)</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>Swaziland</b>	No & Draft Law	Draft Law: Computer Crime and Cybercrime Bill, 2013	No	No	No	No

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			Budapest Convention	Arab Convention	CIS Agreement	SCO Agreement
Sweden	Yes	Penal Code, Chapter 4, Section 9 c	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
Switzerland	Yes	Penal Code (Articles 143bis & 144bis)	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
Syrian Arab Republic	Yes	Law for the Regulation of Network Communication Against Cyber Crime, 2012 (also called "Law on the network communication and computer crime control, 2012")	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
Tajikistan	Yes	Criminal Code (enacted in May 21, 1998), Section XII. Crimes against Information Security, Chapter 28. Crimes against Information Security (Articles 298-304)	No	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}
Tanzania	Yes	Cybercrimes Act, 2015	No	No	No	No
Thailand	Yes	Computer Crime Act, 2007	No	No	No	No
Timor-Leste	No		No	No	No	No
Togo	No & Draft Law	The Draft Law on the Fight against Cybercrime	No	No	No	No
Tonga	Yes	Computer Crimes Act (Act No. 14 of 2003)	Invited to accede	No	No	No
Trinidad and Tobago	Yes & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer Misuse Act, 2000</li> <li>Draft Law: The Cybercrime Bill, 2015</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
Tunisia	Yes & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Law: Cybercrime Bill, 2014</li> <li>Penal Law (Articles 199 bis and 199ter)</li> </ul>	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
Turkey	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criminal Code (10th Section. Offences in the field of Data Processing Systems. Articles 243 to 246)</li> <li>Law No. 5651 on Regulation of Internet Publications and Combating Crimes Committed through such Publications, 2007 (amended by Law No. 6518 of 2014)</li> <li>Regulation on the Principles and Procedures of Regulating the Publications on the Internet</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No

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			Budapest Convention	Arab Convention	CIS Agreement	SCO Agreement
<b>Turkmenistan</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (enacted in 1997, entered into force in 1998, and last amended in 2014), Chapter 33. Computer Information Crimes (Articles 333 to 335)	No	No	No	No
<b>Tuvalu</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Uganda</b>	Yes	Computer Misuse Act, 2011	No	No	No	No
<b>Ukraine</b>	Yes & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Draft Law on Combating Cybercrime, 2014</li> <li>■ Criminal Code (enacted in 2001 and amended in 2005), Chapter XVI. Criminal Offenses related to the Use of Electronic Computing Machines (Computers), Systems and Computer Networks and Telecommunication Networks (Articles 361 to 363-1)</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	Yes	Federal Decree-Law No. 5 of 2012 on Combating Cyber Crimes (replacing Federal Law No. 2 of 2006 on the Prevention of Information Technology Crimes)	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>United Kingdom</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Computer Misuse Act, 1990 (last amended by Serious Crimes Act, 2015)</li> <li>■ Regulations of Investigatory Powers Act, 2000</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>United States</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 15 (Title 15) U.S.C. (United States Code), Chapter 103 - Controlling the Assault of Non-solicited Pornography and Marketing , § (Section) 7701-7713</li> <li>■ 18 U.S.C., Chapter 47-Crimes and Criminal Procedure, § 1028 through 1030; Chapter 119 - Wire and Electronic Communications Interception and Interception of Oral Communications; Chapter 121 - Stored Wire and Electronic Communications and Transactional Record Access; and §3121, General prohibition on pen register and trap and trace device use; exception</li> </ul>	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No	No
<b>Uruguay</b>	Yes	Penal Code [Enacted by Law No. 9,155 of 1933 and Amended by Law No. 18,383 of 2008 (Attack on the regularity of telecommunications)] (e.g., Article 217)	No	No	No	No

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			Budapest Convention	Arab Convention	CIS Agreement	SCO Agreement
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	Yes	Criminal Code (enacted in 1994, came into force in 1995, and amended in 2001), Special Part, Section III. Economic Crimes, Chapter 11. Crimes unrelated to Larceny of Property (Article 174: Computer-related Crimes)	No	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}
<b>Vanuatu</b>	No		No	No	No	No
<b>Venezuela, RB</b>	Yes	Special Law against Computer Crimes, 2001	No	No	No	No
<b>Vietnam</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law on information technology (Law No. 67/2006/QH11)</li> <li>Penal Code (Enacted by Law No. 15/1999/QH10 and Amended by Law No. 37/2009/QH12) (e.g., Article 226a)</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>West Bank and Gaza</b>	No & Draft Law	Draft Penal Code (Part 12. Cybercrimes, Articles 646 to 677)	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Yemen, Rep.</b>	No & Draft Law	Draft law for combating electronic crimes (also called "Draft Law on Combating Electronic Crime")	No	{Has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to)}	No	No
<b>Zambia</b>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer Misuse and Crimes Act, 2004 (No. 13 of 2004)</li> <li>Electronic Communication and Transactions Act, 2009 (No. 21 of 2009) [Part XIV. Cyber Inspectors (Sections 93 to 97), Part XV. Cyber Crimes (Sections 98 to 109)]</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	Yes & Draft Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer Crime and Cybercrime Bill</li> <li>Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act, Chapter VIII. Computer-related Crimes (Sections 162-168)</li> </ul>	No	No	No	No

# Comparative Analysis of Indicators Used in In-Country Assessment Tools

**Explanatory Note** regarding methodology used for reviewing the in-country assessment tools included in this Appendix and how to read these tables. The project reviewed the in-country assessment tools used developed by participants in this project. The indicators developed (in the left-hand column) are a synthesis of those assessments, as well as other assessments. The synthesized set of indicator were then “mapped” against the respective tools. Where an assessment includes an indicator, it is indicated with a “Y”, as well as where in the particular assessment, the indicator can be found or is referenced. In cases where an assessment explicitly stated that its questions were prepared corresponding to

provisions of an exogenous reference (e.g., a particular multilateral instrument or a sample legislative language) the indicators were considered in light of those corresponding. The frequency with which an indicator appears in the assessments is shown in the right hand column. The color-coding for frequency is shown at the bottom of the table. More information about the assessments may be found in the endnotes to this Appendix. The synthesized indicators shown here also formed the basis of the Assessment Tool developed by this Project and included in Appendix E.

Non-Legal Frameworks						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP <sup>i</sup>	Council of Europe <sup>ii</sup>	ITU <sup>iii</sup>	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) <sup>iv</sup> & Comprehensive Study <sup>v</sup>	Oxford <sup>vi</sup>	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
Non-Legal Frameworks	Y (Page 5)			Y (2012) [a. Q1 to Q11, b. Q113 to Q120, c. Q15 to Q164, d. Q186 to 192, e. Q241 to 261]	Y (Pages 29 to 32)	3 of 5
1. National Strategy (or “National Policy”) on Cybercrime				Y (2012) (Q1)		1 of 5
a. Binding all relevant authorities and private sector						0 of 5
i binding public-private						0 of 5
ii binding public						0 of 5
iii no binding force						0 of 5
b. Long term strategy?						0 of 5
i Longer than 5 years						0 of 5
ii Longer than 3 years						0 of 5
iii Less than 3 years						0 of 5
iv No specific term						0 of 5



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c. Define specific vulnerable areas to be protected						0 of 5
d. Define Resources and Necessities to Fight Cybercrime						0 of 5
i Human Resource (HR)						0 of 5
ii Assets including devices & infrastructure						0 of 5
iii User Protection Strategy						0 of 5
2. Define Lead Government Institution responsible for coordinating the prevention and combating cybercrime				Y (2012) (Q2)		1 of 5
a. Higher than PM						0 of 5
b. Ministerial level						0 of 5
c. Lower than ministerial level						0 of 5
3. Public-Private Partnerships to Obtain Information and Evidence from the Private Sector (e.g. Service Providers)				Y (2012) (Q6)		1 of 5
a. Formal Cooperation with the Private Sector (e.g. Service Providers)				Y (2012) (Q102), Y (2013) (Page 146)		1 of 5
i By court order				Y (2012) (Q102), Y (2013) (Page 146)		1 of 5
ii By prosecution order				Y (2012) (Q102), Y (2013) (Page 146)		1 of 5
iii By police letter				Y (2012) (Q102), Y (2013) (Page 146)		1 of 5
b Informal Cooperation with the Private Sector (e.g. Service Providers)				Y (2012) (Q103)		1 of 5
4. Maintain Statistics on Cybercrime	Y (Page 5)			Y (2012) (a. Q10, b. Q54-71, c. Q121-Q138, d. Q165-Q182)	Y (Pages 29 to 32)	3 of 5

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a. Designated authority to collect & analyze statistics on cybercrime						0 of 5
b. Define statistics necessary for cybercrime						0 of 5
c. Updates to statistics on cybercrime regularly						0 of 5
5. Technical Cooperation on Cybercrime				Y (2012) (Q241-Q261)		1 of 5

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Legal Frameworks						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
<b>National Legal Frameworks</b>	Y (Pages 1 to 5)	Y (Arts. 1 to 35)	Y (Q1 to Q34)	Y (Q12 to Q53)	Y (Pages 27 to 28)	<b>5 of 5</b>
<b>1. Domestic legislation regarding cybercrime</b>	Y (Pages 1 to 5)	Y (Arts. 1 to 35)	Y (Q1 to Q34)	Y (Q12 to Q53)	Y (Pages 27 to 28)	<b>5 of 5</b>
<b>a. Is cybercrime regulated by law</b>	Y (Page 1) [(...) criminal laws related to cyber-crimes (...)]	Y (Page 1) [Corresponding provisions (...) in national legislation]	Y (Page 35) (Citation of provision, Consistent with Toolkit)	Y (Q12) [(...) main legislation that is specific to cybercrime (...)]	Y (Pages 27 to 28) (Substantive cybercrime law, Procedural cybercrime law)	<b>5 of 5</b>
i Comprehensively Yes						<b>0 of 5</b>
ii Partially Yes with Draft Law						<b>0 of 5</b>
iii Partially Yes without Draft Law						<b>0 of 5</b>
iv No (No Enacted Law) but Draft Law						<b>0 of 5</b>
<b>b. Have detailed definitions of the terms related cybercrime</b>		Y (Art.1)	Y (Q1)			<b>2 of 5</b>
i Computer data		Y (Art. 1 – “computer data”)	Y (Q1. c.)			<b>2 of 5</b>
ii Computer system		Y (Art. 1- “computer system”)	Y (Q 1. e.)			<b>2 of 5</b>
iii Service provider		Y (Art. 1- “service provider”)	Y (Q1. p.)			<b>2 of 5</b>
iv Subscriber information			Y (Q1. q.)			<b>1 of 5</b>
v Traffic data		Y (Art. 1- “traffic data”)	Y (Q1. r.)			<b>2 of 5</b>
<b>2. Multilateral Treaties on cybercrime</b>		Y (Page 1)			Y (Pages 27 to 28)	<b>2 of 5</b>
<b>a. Signature</b>		Y (Page 1)			Y (Page 27)	<b>2 of 5</b>
<b>b. Ratification (or “Accession”)</b>		Y (Page 1)			Y (Pages 27 to 28)	<b>2 of 5</b>

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Substantive Law						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
<b>Substantive Law</b>	Y (2013) (Pages 1 to 5)	Y (Arts. 2 to 12)	Y (Q2 to Q11)	Y (Q25 to Q40)	Y (Pages 27 to 28)	<b>5 of 5</b>
<b>1. Criminalization of offences directed against the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of computer data or systems</b>	Y (2013) (Pages 1 to 2)	Y (Arts. 2 to 6)	Y (Q2 to Q6)	Y (Q25 to Q29)		<b>4 of 5</b>
a. Illegal access to a computer system	Y (2013) (Page 1)	Y (Art 2.)	Y (Q2)	Y(Q25)		<b>4 of 5</b>
b. Illegal interception	Y (2013) (Page 1)	Y (Art. 3)	Y (Q5)	Y (Q26)		<b>4 of 5</b>
c. Data interference	Y (2013) (Page 1)	Y (Art. 4)	Y (Q4, b.)	Y (Q27)		<b>4 of 5</b>
d. System interference	Y (2013) (Page 1)	Y(Art. 5)	Y (Q4, a.)	Y (Q27)		<b>4 of 5</b>
e. Misuse of devices	Y (2013) (Page 2)	Y (Art. 6)	Y (Q6)	Y (Q28)		<b>4 of 5</b>
<b>2. Criminalization of traditional offences committed by/through the use of computer systems or data</b>	Y (2013) (Pages 2 to 4)	Y (Arts. 7 to 10)	Y (Q7 and Q8)	Y (Q30 to 32, Q34 to Q38)		<b>4 of 5</b>
a. Computer-related forgery	Y (2013) (Page 2)	Y (Art. 7)	Y (Q7)	Y (Q30)		<b>4 of 5</b>
b. Computer-related fraud	Y (2013) (Page 4)	Y (Art. 8)	Y (Q8)	Y (Q30)		<b>4 of 5</b>
c. Computer-related copyright and trademark offences	Y (2013) (Page 4)	Y (Art. 10)		Y (Q32)		<b>3 of 5</b>
d. Computer-related identity offences	Y (2013) (Page 3)			Y (Q31)		<b>2 of 5</b>
e. Computer-related child pornography offences	Y (2013) (Pages 3 to 4)	Y (Art. 9)		Y (Q36)		<b>3 of 5</b>

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Substantive Law						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
3. Corporate Liability		Y (Art. 12)	Y (Q11)	Y (Q40)		3 of 5
4. Aid, Abet or Attempt						
a. Aid or Abet		Y (Art. 11)	Y (Q10)			4 of 5
b. Attempt		Y (Art. 11)	Y (Q10)	Y (Q40)		3 of 5

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Procedural Law						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
<b>Procedural Law</b>	Y (Pages 1 to 2)	Y (Arts. 14 to 21)	Y (Q12 to Q20)	Y (Q42 to Q53)	Y (Page 28)	<b>5 of 5</b>
1. Scope of Procedural provisions		Y (Art. 14)	Y (Q12)			<b>2 of 5</b>
2. Procedural Conditions & Safeguards		Y (Art. 15)	Y (Q13)			<b>2 of 5</b>
3. Expedited Preservation of stored computer data (Data preservation)		Y (Art. 16)	Y (Q14)	Y (Q49)		<b>3 of 5</b>
4. Expedited preservation & partial disclosure of traffic data		Y (Art. 17)	Y (Q15)	Y (Q45)		<b>3 of 5</b>
5. Expedited preservation of computers or storage media <sup>vii</sup>			Y (Q16)			<b>1 of 5</b>
6. Production Order						
a. Production order: Specified computer data		Y (Art. 18.)	Y (Q17)			<b>2 of 5</b>
b. Production order: Subscriber information		Y (Art. 18.)	Y (Q17)	Y (Q44)		<b>3 of 5</b>
7. Search & seizure of computer data and/or computer systems	Y (Page 1)	Y (Art. 19)	Y (Q18)	Y (Q42, Q43)		<b>4 of 5</b>
8. Real-time collection of traffic data	Y (Page 1)	Y (Art.20)	Y (Q19)	Y (Q47)		<b>4 of 5</b>
9. Interception of Content Data	Y (Page 1)	Y (Art. 21)	Y (Q20)	Y (Q48)		<b>4 of 5</b>
10. Use of remote forensic tools				Y (Q50)		<b>1 of 5</b>
11. Trans-border access to computer data				Y (Q51)		<b>1 of 5</b>
12. Obtaining information and evidence from third parties						

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Procedural Law						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
a. Compelling third parties (non-targets) to provide information				Y (Q101)		<b>1 of 5</b>
b. Compelling private actors (e.g. service providers) to provide information	Y (Page 1)					<b>1 of 5</b>
(2) Private actors (e.g. service providers)' voluntary provision (supply) of information	Y (Page 1)					<b>1 of 5</b>

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Electronic Evidence						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
<b>Electronic Evidence</b>	Y (Page 2)			Y (2012) (Q111, Q105, Q144 to Q147) , Y (2013) (Pages 157 to 182)	Y (Pages 29 to 32)	<b>3 of 5</b>
<b>1. Rules on Electronic Evidence</b>						
(1) Rules on admissibility of electronic evidence	Y (Page 2)			Y (2012) (2012) (Q144)		<b>2 of 5</b>
(2) Rules on admissibility of electronic evidence obtained from foreign jurisdictions				Y (2012) (Q145)		<b>1 of 5</b>
(3) Rules on discovery of electronic evidence	Y (Page 2)					<b>1 of 5</b>
(4) Rules on evaluating (probative value of) electronic evidence	Y (Page 2)					<b>1 of 5</b>
(5) Other rules specific to electronic evidence	Y (Page 2)			Y (2012) (Q146)		<b>2 of 5</b>
<b>2. Law enforcement and Electronic Evidence</b>						
(1) Collecting electronic evidence with integrity	Y (Page 2)			Y (2012) (Q111)		<b>2 of 5</b>
(2) Storing/retaining electronic evidence	Y (Page 2)			Y (2012) (Q111)		<b>2 of 5</b>
(3) Transferring electronic evidence to courts or prosecutors from law enforcement agencies				Y (2012) (Q111)		<b>1 of 5</b>
(4) Obtaining electronic evidence in foreign jurisdictions				Y (2012) (Q105), Y (2013) (Page 201)		<b>1 of 5</b>



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Electronic Evidence						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
1) Formal MLA request				Y (2012) (Q105), Y (2013) (Page 201)		<b>1 of 5</b>
2) Informal police cooperation				Y (2012) (Q105), Y (2013) (Page 201)		<b>1 of 5</b>
3) Direct contact with service providers				Y (2012) (Q105), Y (2013) (Page 201)		<b>1 of 5</b>
4) 24/7 network				Y (2012) (Q105), Y (2013) (Page 201)		<b>1 of 5</b>
5) Other (Please specify)				Y (2012) (Q105), Y (2013) (Page 201)		<b>1 of 5</b>

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Jurisdiction						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	Y (Page 1)	Y (Art. 22)	Y (Q21)	Y (2012) (Q18 to Q19), Y (2013) (Pages 191 to 196)		<b>4 of 5</b>
<b>1. Common National Bases for Jurisdiction over Cybercrime Acts</b>						
<b>(1) Territory basis</b>						
1) Offence is committed (partly or wholly) within its territory			Y (Q21.a.)	Y (2012) (Q18), Y (2013) (Page 191)		<b>2 of 5</b>
2) Offence is committed using a computer system or data located within its territory				Y (2012) (Q18), Y (2013) (Page 192)		<b>1 of 5</b>
3) Offence is directed against a computer system or data within its territory				Y (2012) (Q18), Y (2013) (Page 192)		<b>1 of 5</b>
4) Effect or damage of the offence is located within its territory				Y (2012) (Q18), Y (2013) (Page 191)		<b>1 of 5</b>
5) Offence is committed on a registered ship or aircraft			Y (Q21.b)			<b>1 of 5</b>
<b>(2) Nationality-basis</b>						
1) Nationality of the offender			Y (Q21.c.)	Y (2012) (Q18), Y (2013) (Page 191)		<b>2 of 5</b>
2) Nationality of the victim				Y (2012) (Q18), Y (2013) (Page 191)		<b>1 of 5</b>
<b>2. Jurisdiction where extradition refused</b>			Y (Q21. d.)			<b>1 of 5</b>
<b>3. Concurrent Jurisdiction (Conflicts of Jurisdiction)</b>	Y (Page 1)		Y (Q21. e.)	Y (2012) (Q18)		<b>3 of 5</b>

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Jurisdiction						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
4. Establishment of the place where the offence occurred	Y (Page 1)		Y (Q21. f)			<b>2 of 5</b>
5. Dual Criminality				Y (2012) (Q18), Y (2013) (Page 194)		<b>1 of 5</b>
6. Reservation			Y (Q21. g.)			<b>1 of 5</b>

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Legal Safeguards						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
Safeguards	Y (2012) (Page 2)			Y (Q20 to Q24)	Y (Pages 26 to 27)	3 of 5
1. Privacy and (Personal) Data Protection				Y (Q21 to Q24)	Y (Pages 26 to 27)	3 of 5
2. Freedom of Expression	Y (2012) (Page 2)			Y (Q20)	Y (Pages 26)	3 of 5

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International Cooperation						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
<b>International Cooperation</b>	Y (Pages 1 to 2)	Y (Arts. 23 to 35)	Y (Q22 to Q33)	Y (2012) (Q193-Q240)	Y (Pages 29 to 32)	<b>5 of 5</b>
<b>1. Formal International Cooperation</b>						
a. General principles relating to International Cooperation		Y (Art. 23)	Y (Q22)			<b>2 of 5</b>
b. General Principles relating to Extradition		Y (Art. 24)	Y (Q23)	Y (2012) (Q193-Q215)		<b>3 of 5</b>
i. Domestic Legislation for Extradition in Cybercrime Cases				Y (2012) (Q 193), Y (2013) (Page 200)		<b>1 of 5</b>
ii. Treaty or reciprocity in the absence of treaty provisions				Y (2012) (Q202-Q207), Y (2013) (Page 201)		<b>1 of 5</b>
iii. Central Authority				Y (2012) (Q195)		<b>1 of 5</b>
iv. Refusal of Extradition			Y (Q23.d)			<b>1 of 5</b>
v. Dual criminality				Y (2012) (Q198), Y (2013) (Page 204)		<b>1 of 5</b>
vi. Seriousness of a minimum penalty				Y (2012) (Q198), Y (2013) (Page 204)		<b>1 of 5</b>
c. General Principles relating to MLA	Y (Page 1)	Y (Art. 25)	Y (Q24)	Y (2012) (Q216-Q240)		<b>4 of 5</b>
i. Domestic Legislation for MLA in cybercrime cases				Y (2012) (Q216), Y (2013) (Page 200)		<b>1 of 5</b>
ii. Treaty or reciprocity in the absence of treaty provisions				Y (2012) (Q227 -Q232), Y (2013) (Page 201)		<b>1 of 5</b>
iii. Central Authority				Y (2012) (Q217)		<b>1 of 5</b>
iv. Expedited means of communication			Y (Q24.b.)			<b>1 of 5</b>

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International Cooperation						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
v. Refusal to Cooperate or Assist	Y (Page 1)		Y (Q24.c., Q26, c)			2 of 5
vi. Dual Criminality	Y (Page 1)		Y (Q24. d.)	Y (2012) (Q220), Y(2013) (Pages 204-205)		2 of 5
vii. Confidentiality of Information to be Provided and Limitation on Use		Y (Art. 28)	Y (Q26, g)			2 of 5
viii. Spontaneous (Unsolicited) Information		Y (Art.26)	Y (Q25)			2 of 5
d. Specific Provisions relating to MLA	Y (Page 1)	Y (Arts. 29 to 34)	Y (Q27 to Q32)	Y (2012) (Q108)		4 of 5
i. MLA relating to Provisional Measures						
(a) Expedited preservation of stored computer data		Y (Art. 29)	Y (Q27)			2 of 5
(b) Expedited disclosure of preserved traffic data		Y (Art. 30)	Y (Q28)			2 of 5
ii. MLA relating to Investigative Powers						
(a) MLA regarding accessing of stored computer data		Y (Art. 31)	Y (Q29)			2 of 5
(b) Trans-border access to stored computer data		Y (Art.32)	Y (Q30)	Y (2012) (Q108)		3 of 5
(c) MLA in the real-time collection of traffic data		Y (Art. 33)	Y (Q31)			2 of 5
(d) MLA regarding the interception of content data	Y (Page 1)	Y (Art. 34)	Y (Q32)			3 of 5

International Cooperation						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
2. Informal International Cooperation						
a. Multilateral Network (e.g. 24/7 Network)	Y (Page 2)	Y (Art. 35)	Y (Q33)	Y (2012) (Q107)		4 of 5
b. Bilateral Network (e.g. Direct police-to-police cooperation)				Y (2012) (Q106, Q223)		1 of 5

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International Cooperation						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
v. Refusal to Cooperate or Assist	Y (Page 1)		Y (Q24.c., Q26, c)			2 of 5
vi. Dual Criminality	Y (Page 1)		Y (Q24. d.)	Y (2012) (Q220), Y(2013) (Pages 204-205)		2 of 5
vii. Confidentiality of Information to be Provided and Limitation on Use		Y (Art. 28)	Y (Q26, g)			2 of 5
viii. Spontaneous (Unsolicited) Information		Y (Art.26)	Y (Q25)			2 of 5
d. Specific Provisions relating to MLA	Y (Page 1)	Y (Arts. 29 to 34)	Y (Q27 to Q32)	Y (2012) (Q108)		4 of 5
i. MLA relating to Provisional Measures						
(a) Expedited preservation of stored computer data		Y (Art. 29)	Y (Q27)			2 of 5
(b) Expedited disclosure of preserved traffic data		Y (Art. 30)	Y (Q28)			2 of 5
ii. MLA relating to Investigative Powers						
(a) MLA regarding accessing of stored computer data		Y (Art. 31)	Y (Q29)			2 of 5
(b) Trans-border access to stored computer data		Y (Art.32)	Y (Q30)	Y (2012) (Q108)		3 of 5
(c) MLA in the real-time collection of traffic data		Y (Art. 33)	Y (Q31)			2 of 5
(d) MLA regarding the interception of content data	Y (Page 1)	Y (Art. 34)	Y (Q32)			3 of 5



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Capacity Building						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
<b>Capacity Building</b>	Y (Page 5)			Y (a. Q113 to Q120, b. Q157 to Q164, c. Q186 to Q192)	Y (Pages 29 to 32)	<b>3 of 5</b>
<b>1. CERT</b>				Y (Q10)		<b>1 of 5</b>
<b>2. Law enforcement (Police)</b>	Y (Page 5)			Y (Q113 to Q120)	Y (Pages 29 to 30)	<b>3 of 5</b>
a. Law enforcement structure for cybercrime cases				Y (Q 113)		<b>1 of 5</b>
b. Separate unit/agency specifically for investigating cybercrime	Y (Page 5)			Y (Q114)		<b>2 of 5</b>
c. Specialized police officers assigned to cybercrime cases				Y (Q115)		<b>1 of 5</b>
d. Sufficient resources and capabilities to investigate cybercrime cases and/or cases involving electronic evidence (including digital forensic tools)					Y (Page 29)	<b>1 of 5</b>
e. Training programs to police officers in the investigation of cybercrime cases	Y (Page 5)			Y (Q117-Q120)	Y (Page 29)	<b>3 of 5</b>
<b>3. Prosecution</b>	Y (Page 5)			Y (Q157 to Q164)	Y (Pages 30 to 31)	<b>3 of 5</b>
a. Prosecution structure for cybercrime cases				Y (Q157)		<b>1 of 5</b>
b. Separate unit/agency specifically for prosecuting cybercrime	Y (Page 5)			Y (Q158)		<b>2 of 5</b>

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Capacity Building						
In-Country Assessment Tools / Indicators	AIDP	Council of Europe	ITU	UNODC Cybercrime Questionnaire (2012) & Comprehensive Study	Oxford	Frequency Number of Entities Covered (out of 5)
c. Specialized prosecutors assigned to cybercrime cases				Y (Q159-Q163)		1 of 5
d. Sufficient resources and capacities to prosecute cybercrime cases and/or cases involving electronic evidence					Y (Page 30)	1 of 5
e. Training programs to prosecutors for cybercrime cases	Y (Page 5)			Y (Q161-Q164)	Y (Page 30)	3 of 5
<b>4. Court</b>	Y (Page 5)			Y (Q186 to Q192)	Y (Pages 31 to 32)	3 of 5
a. Court structure for cybercrime cases				Y (Q186)		1 of 5
b. Separate courts specifically for the trial of cybercrime cases				Y (Q 186-Q187)		1 of 5
c. Specialized judges assigned to cybercrime cases				Y (Q188-Q191)		1 of 5
d. Training programs to judges in the trial of cybercrime cases	Y (Page 5)			Y (Q189-Q192)	Y (Page 31)	3 of 5

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Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Non-Legal Framework	National Strategy/Policy? (3)	Binding all relevant authorities and Private Sectors? (0.5)	binding Public & Private (0.25)
			binding Public(0.15)
			no binding Force (0.1)
		Long term strategy? (0.5)	longer than 5 years (0.2)
			longer than 3 years (0.15)
			less than 3 years (0.10)
			no specific terms (0.05)
		Define specific Vulnerable Areas to be protected? (0.5)	
		Define Resources and Necessities to fight Cybercrime (0.5)	HR (0.25)
			Assets incl. devices & Infra (0.25)
		User Protection Strategy (0.5)	
		Update plan? (0.5)	
	Lead Government Institution responsible for coordinating the prevention and combating cybercrime (1)?	higher than PM (0.5)	
		Ministerial level (0.3)	
		lower than Ministerial (0.2)	
	Public-Private Partnership to obtain information and/or evidence? (2.5)	Formal Cooperation with Private Sector (1.5)	By Court Order (0.8)
			by Prosecutor's Order (0.5)
			by Police Letter (0.5)
		Informal Cooperation with Private Sector (1)	
	Maintain Statistical Information? (3)	Designated authority to collect & analyze statistics? (1)	
		Define statistics necessary for cybercrime? (1)	
		Updates regularly? (1)	
	Technical Cooperation? (0.5)		

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<b>Legal Framework</b>	Domestic Legislation on cybercrime? (8)	Is cybercrime regulated by law? (7)	Comprehensively Yes (7)
			Partially /Draft (5)
			Partially /No-Draft (3)
			No but Draft (1)
	Joined any Treaties on Cybercrime? (2)	Has detailed definition related to cybercrime?1 (1)	
		Signed (1)	
<b>Substantive Law</b>	Criminalization of traditional crime committed by/ through computer related activities (3) 3	Ratified (1)2	
	Criminalization of newly emerged cybercrime (4)4		
	Criminal liability of corporate entity (1)		
	aid, abet and attempt (1)	Aid or Abet (0.5)	
		Attempt (0.5)	
	Safeguards (Defences) (1)	Freedom of Expression (0.5)	
		Privacy and (Personal) Data Protection (0.5)	

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Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Procedural Law	Investigation (10)	Scope of Procedural Provision (0.2)	
		Procedural Conditions and Safeguards (0.2)	
		Expedited preservation of stored computer data (Data preservation) (1.0)	
		Expedited preservation and partial disclosure of traffic data (1.0)	
		Expedited Preservation of Computers or Storage Media (1.0)	
		Production order (1.0)	Production order: Specified computer data (0.5)
			Production order: Subscriber information (0.5)
		Search and Seizure of computer data and/or computer systems (1.0)	
		Real-time collection of traffic data (1.0)	
		Use of remote forensic tools (1.0)	
		Trans-border access to computer data (1.0)	
		Obtaining evidence from 3rd parties (0.6)	1. Compelling third parties (non-targets) to provide information (0.2)
			2. Compelling service providers to provide information (0.2)
			3. Service providers' voluntary provision (supply) of information (0.2)

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Electronic Evidence	Rules specific to Electronic Evidence (4.5)	Rules on admissibility of electronic evidence (2)	
		Rules on admissibility of electronic evidence obtained abroad (0.5)	
		Rules on discovery of electronic evidence (0.5)	
		Rules on evaluating probative value of electronic evidence (0.5)	
		Other rules specific to electronic evidence (0.5)	
		Evidentiary law specific to cybercrime (0.5)	
	Law enforcement and Electronic Evidence (5.5)	Collecting electronic evidence with integrity (1.5)	
		Storing/retaining electronic evidence (1.5)	
		Transferring electronic evidence to courts or prosecutors from Law enforcement agencies (0.5)	
		Obtaining electronic evidence from foreign jurisdiction (2)	Formal MLA (0.8)
			Informal MLA (0.7)
			Direct Contact with service provider (0.2)
			24/7 network (0.3)

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Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Jurisdiction	Common national basis of Jurisdiction (4)	territory basis (2)	Offence is committed (partly or wholly) within its territory (Territorial principle) (0.4)
			Offence is committed using computer system/data located within its territory (0.4)
			Offence is directed against computer system/data within its territory (0.4)
			Effects/damages of the offence are located within its territory (0.4)
		nationality basis (2)	offender's nationality (1)
			victim's nationality (1)
	Jurisdiction where extradition is refused (1)		
	Concurrent Jurisdiction (1)		
	Establishment of the place where offences occurred (2)		
	Dual criminality (1)		
	reservation (1)		

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Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
International Cooperation	Formal International Cooperation (7)	General Principle on International Cooperation (0.5)	
		General Principle on Extradition (2.5)	Domestic Legislation (0.5)5
			Treaties6 or reciprocity in the absence of treaty provisions (0.5)
			central authority (0.5)
			refusal of extradition (0.25)
			dual criminality (0.5)
			seriousness of a minimum penalty (0.25)
		General Principle on Mutual Legal Assistance (3.5)	domestic legislation (0.5)7
			Treaties8 or reciprocity in the absence of treaty provisions (0.5)
			central authority (0.5)
			Expedited means of communication(0.5)
			Refusal to Cooperate or Assist (0.25)
			dual criminality (0.5)
			Confidentiality of Information to be Provided and Limitation on Use (0.5)
			spontaneous information (0.25)
		Specific Provisions on Mutual Legal Assistance (0.5)	provisional measures (0.25)
			investigative powers (0.25)



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Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Capacity building	CERT (0.5)		
	Law Enforcement (4.5)	Law enforcement structure for cybercrime cases (0.5)	
		Separate unit/agency specifically for investigating cybercrime cases (0.7)	
		Specialized law enforcement officers assigned to cybercrime cases (1)	
		Sufficient resources and capabilities to investigate cybercrime cases and/or cases involving electronic evidence (including digital forensic tools) (1.5)	
		Training programs to police officers for the investigation of cybercrime cases (0.8)	
	Prosecution (3.5)	Prosecution structure for cybercrime cases (0.1)	
		Separate unit/agency specifically for prosecuting cybercrime cases (0.4)	
		Specialized prosecutors assigned to cybercrime cases (0.8)	
		Sufficient resources and capacities to prosecute cybercrime cases and/or cases involving e-evidence (1.4)	
		Training programs to prosecutors for cybercrime cases (0.8)	
	court (1.5)	Court structure for cybercrime cases (0.1)	
		Separate courts specifically for the trial of cybercrime cases (0.5)	
		Specialized judges assigned to cybercrime cases (0.5)	
		Training programs to judges for the trial of cybercrime cases (0.4)	

# End Notes

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- 3 Whether a country has national legislation addressing cybercrime is indicated as follows: Green = Yes; Light Green = Yes, partially address and there is draft law addressing other aspects; Yellow = No, but there is a draft Law; Orange = no law; Red = no data.
- 4 The instruments cited here are discussed in more detail in subchapter III A. Membership of a country in an

international or regional instrument is indicated as follows: Blue = Yes, has signed and/or ratified (or acceded to) the instrument; Light Blue = has been invited to accede to the instrument; No color = No membership. The Africa Union Convention (<http://www.au.int/en/sites/default/files/treaties/29560-sl-african-union-convention-on-cyber-security-and-personal-data-protection.pdf>) (last accessed 30 August 2016) is not dealt with here because of the 54 potential members to the Convention only 8 have signed it and none have ratified it.

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  - iii *Toolkit for Cybercrime Legislation (Draft)*, Country Worksheet, 2010, ITU, at 39 to 50 (ITU Country Worksheet), available at: <http://www.cyberdialogue.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/ITU-Toolkit-for-Cybercrime-Legislation.pdf> (last visited 29 August 2016).
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  - 3 These would include: Computer-related fraud; Computer-related forgery; Computer-related copyright and trademark offences; Computer-related identity offences; and computer-related child pornography offences.
  - 4 These would include: Illegal access to a computer system; Illegal Interception; Data Interference; System Interference; and Misuse of Devices.
  - 5 This refers to legislation applicable to extradition in cybercrime cases.
  - 6 These would include not only treaties on cybercrime with extradition provisions but also treaties on extradition in criminal matters.
  - 7 This refers to legislation applicable to mutual legal assistance in cybercrime cases.
  - 8 These would include not only treaties on cybercrime with mutual legal assistance provisions but also treaties on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

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- 1 This would include, for example, definitions of "computer system", "computer data", "service provider", "subscriber

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