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Regional Conference on Cybercrime

**19 – 21 March 2007, Belgrade, Serbia
“Sava center”**

Background

Computer networks are turning the world into a global information society in which any kind of information is available to internet users almost anywhere and in which electronic commerce may soon exceed hundreds of billions of Euros. However, this process is accompanied by an increasing dependency on such networks and a growing vulnerability to criminal intrusion and misuse.

The newest facts show that the reliance on the Internet makes societies vulnerable. The main risk is cybercrime. Daily threats range from spams to viruses, hacking, identify theft, fraud, child abuse e.g.. Using of Internet changed also modus operandi of the organised crime groups. Information and communication technologies provide organised crime with new tools to carry out old-style organised crime, and new tools for new types of crime. Internet allows easier laundering of money gained from classical crime: techniques include over- or under-invoicing and cyber auctions. E-banking and the use of e-money makes it easier to move around dirty money. Potential threats include also cyber-terrorism.

In November 2001, the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS 185) of the Council of Europe was opened for signature. Its effective implementation will help the parties to cope with these challenges. So far, it has been signed by 43 countries – including Canada, Japan, South Africa and the United States which are non-member States – and ratified by 18. Further ratifications are expected in the coming months.

The Additional Protocol on the Criminalisation of Acts of a Racist and Xenophobic Nature Committed through Computer Systems (ETS 189) of January 2003 has been signed by 31 and ratified by 9 States.

Cybercrime thus poses new challenges to criminal justice and international co-operation. In order to counter cybercrime and protect computer networks, Governments must provide for:

- effective criminalisation of cyber-offences. Legislation of different countries should be as harmonised as possible to facilitate co-operation;
- investigative and prosecutorial procedures and institutional capacities allowing for criminal justice agencies to cope with high-tech crime;
- conditions facilitating direct co-operation between State institutions, and between State institutions and the private sector;

- efficient mutual legal assistance regimes, allowing direct co-operation among multiple countries and the establishment of inter-governmental emergency networks;

Efforts are urgently required to implement important instruments to combat cybercrime and to create a more effective and efficient co-operation between national institutions in combating cybercrime. The Conference is aimed at supporting these efforts.

Purpose

The purpose of the conference is:

- To review the effectiveness of the national legislation of the countries represented and their compliance with the Convention on Cybercrime;
- To strengthen regional and international co-operation against cybercrime both at the judicial and police levels;
- To discuss the capacities of criminal justice systems to investigate, prosecute and adjudicate cybercrime;
- To share experience and good practices to better prevent and combat cybercrime.

Participants

- From 12 countries¹ (mainly from Central and South-eastern Europe)
 - Representatives from the Judiciary (responsible for judicial co-operation and cybercrime cases)
 - Representatives from the Ministry of Justice (responsible for cybercrime legislation and judicial co-operation)
 - 24/7 contact points (either from the Ministry of Interior - cybercrime unit - or from the Prosecution)
- Representatives of business associations and interest groups
- International organisations
- International speakers

¹ 4 participants per country

Programme

Monday, 19 March 2006

9h15 – 9h45

Registration of the participants

10h00

Opening Session

- Welcome and opening statements
 - *Representative of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia*
 - *Mr. Peter Bach, Programme Manager, Justice and Home Affairs, European Agency for Reconstruction*
 - *Mr. Denis Huber, CoE, Special Representative of Secretary General to Serbia*
 - *Mr. Alexander Seger, Head of Technical Cooperation Division of the Council of Europe*

10h40 – 11h00

Coffee break

- The challenge of fighting cybercrime at a global level (*Mr. Marco Gercke, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Cologne University*)
- The Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime: international standards - recent developments – perspectives (*Mr. Alexander Seger, Head of Technical Cooperation Division of the Council of Europe*)
- The need for harmonisation in the fight against cybercrime (*Mr. Marco Gercke, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Cologne University*)

12h30 – 14h00

Lunch

14h00 – 18h00

Session 1

“National legislation on Cybercrime”

- The legislation on cybercrime in Serbia (*Mr. Branko Stamenković, Deputy Prosecutor, Municipal Public Prosecutor’s Office, Serbia*)
- National legislation on cybercrime: examples from Central and South-eastern Europe (*Ms. Christina Schulman, Ministry of Justice of Romania*)

15h40 – 16h00

Coffee break

- Current situation with regard to cybercrime legislation in Europe (*Mr. Marco Gercke, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Cologne University*)
- Review of the national legislations and their compliance with the Convention (*participants split in working groups*)
- Results of working group discussions (*“Tour de table”*)

20h00

Dinner

Tuesday, 20 March 2006

9h30

Session 2 “International co-operation”

- Implementing the provisions of the Convention at the international level (*Mr. Vittorio Stanca, Senior Police Inspector, Deputy Chief of the International Section of the Italian Postal and Communication Police Service, Italy - Ms. Ioana Albani, Chief Prosecutor, Head of Cybercrime Unit, Prosecutor’s Office attached to the High Court on Justice, Romania*)
- The 24/7 network (G8 and Council of Europe) (*Mr. Vittorio Stanca, Senior Police Inspector, Deputy Chief of the International Section of the Italian Postal and Communication Police Service, Italy - Ms. Ioana Albani, Chief Prosecutor, Head of Cybercrime Unit, Prosecutor’s Office attached to the High Court on Justice, Romania*)

11h40 – 12h00

Coffee break

- Case studies and good practices from Italy, Romania, United Kingdom and countries from Central and South-eastern Europe (*Mr. Vittorio Stanca, Senior Police Inspector, Deputy Chief of the International Section of the*

Italian Postal and Communication Police Service, Italy, Ms. Ioana Albani, Chief Prosecutor, Head of Cybercrime Unit, Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court on Justice, Romania - Mr. Howard Lamb, SOCA – Serious Organised Crime Agency, UK and "Tour de table")

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| 12h30 – 14h00 | Lunch |
| 14h00 – 18h00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting by each country of terms of reference for the 24/7 contact points and their functioning (<i>each delegation to work separately</i>) |
| 15h40 – 16h00 | Coffee break |
| <i>Session 2 follow-up</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by each country of its draft ToR |
| 20h00 | Dinner |

Wednesday, 21 March 2006

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| 9h30 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation of Law Enforcement Authorities (<i>Mr. Vittorio Stanca, Senior Police Inspector, Deputy Chief of the International Section of the Italian Postal and Communication Police Service, Italy - Ms. Ioana Albani, Chief Prosecutor, Head of Cybercrime Unit, Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court on Justice, Romania - Mr. Howard Lamb, SOCA – Serious Organised Crime Agency, UK - Mr. Christian Aghroum, Chief of the French National Cybercrime Unit</i>) • The Serbian Law on the Organisation and Jurisdiction of Government Authorities in the Suppression of High Technological Crimes (<i>Ms. Lidija Komlen-Nikolić, Special Public Prosecutor for High-Tech Crime, District Public Prosecutor's Office, Belgrade, Serbia</i>) • Experiences in Central and South-eastern Europe ("<i>Tour de table</i>") |
| <i>Session 3</i> | <i>"Law enforcement"</i> | |
| 10h40 – 11h00 | Coffee break | |
| 11h00 – 13h00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of private sector in the fight against cybercrime (<i>Mr. Milomir Ognjanović, Licence Compliance Manager, Microsoft Serbia</i>) • Role of internet service providers in the fight against cybercrime (<i>Mr. Vojislav Rodić, Chair of the Internet Provider Association of Serbia, Director of the ISP Inet, d.o.o.</i>) • The experience of countries from Central and South-eastern Europe ("<i>Tour de table</i>") • "Conclusions of the conference and the way forward" (<i>Mr. Alexander Seger, Head of Technical Cooperation Division of the Council of Europe</i>) | |
| <i>"Public - private partnerships"</i> | | |
| 13h00 – 13h30 | | |
| 13h30 | End of the conference | |
| | Lunch | |

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