

Commission Seeks Mandate to Negotiate UN Cybercrime Convention



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On 29 March 2022, the Commission published a recommendation for a Council decision authorising the Commission to [start negotiations on a UN Convention on Cybercrime](#) on behalf of the EU (cf. Art. 218(3) TFEU). According to the Commission, this is to ensure the appropriate participation of the EU in the negotiations. For the negotiations are likely to concern aspects relating to EU legislation and competence, especially in the area of cybercrime.

In December 2019, the UN General Assembly had decided to work on a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes. For this purpose an open-ended *ad hoc* intergovernmental committee of experts was established. Negotiations were supposed to start in January 2022, but were postponed to a later date due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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