

## Discussion paper prepared for the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY)

### Cybercrime Model Laws

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- Scope:
  - Existing Model Laws
  - ITU (HIPCAR, HPSSA, ICB4PAC)
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  - Commonwealth

- Comparison with Budapest Convention
- Comments
- ICB4PAC, EGRIP, Commonwealth

# Model Laws –Findings- ITU Models



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### Support for the Establishment of Harmonized Policies for the ICT Market in the ACP States



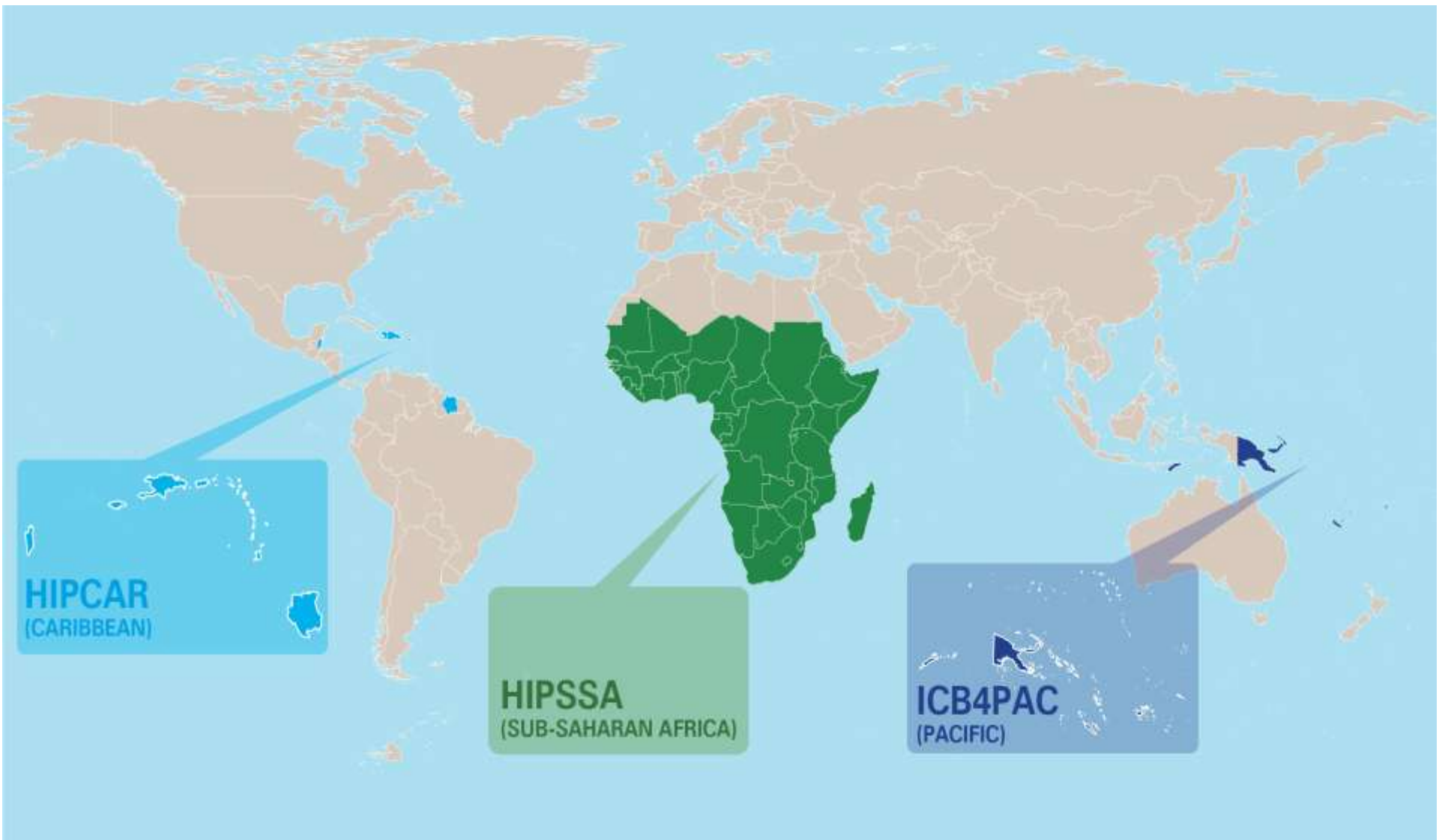
#### PROJECTS

HIPCAR Project (Caribbean)



HIPSSA Project (Sub-Saharan Africa)

# Model Laws – Findings – ITU Models



- ITU: HIPCAR

Establishment of Harmonized Policies for the ICT Market in the ACP countries

Cybercrime/e-Crimes:  
Model Policy Guidelines  
& Legislative Texts

**HIPCAR**

Harmonization of ICT Policies,  
Legislation and Regulatory  
Procedures in the Caribbean



## I. ICT legislative framework covering information society issues:

1. **eCommerce - transaction**  
Assessment report  
Model Policy Guidelines & Legislation texts [\[EN\]](#) [\[FR\]](#) [\[NL\]](#)
2. **eCommerce - evidence**  
Assessment report  
Model Policy Guidelines & Legislation texts [\[EN\]](#) [\[FR\]](#) [\[NL\]](#) [\[SP\]](#)
3. **Access to public information**  
Assessment report  
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4. **Privacy and data protection**  
Assessment report  
Model Policy Guidelines & Legislation texts [\[EN\]](#) [\[FR\]](#) [\[NL\]](#) [\[SP\]](#)
5. **Cybercrimes and cybersecurity**  
Assessment report  
→ Model Policy Guidelines & Legislation texts [\[EN\]](#) [\[FR\]](#) [\[NL\]](#)
6. **Interception of communications**  
Assessment report  
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## II. Telecommunication acts:



- Examples:
- “excess of a lawful excuse or justification”
- **Illegal Remaining** “remains logged in.....or **continues to use** a computer system”
- **SPAM** “**initiates the transmission of multiple** electronic mail messages from or through such computer system” or “**materially falsifies header information** in multiple electronic mail messages and intentionally initiates the transmission of such messages”
- **Data Espionage** “computer data which are **not meant for him**”

- Access Provider “providing an electronic data transmission service by transmitting information provided by or to a user of the service in a communication network or **providing access to a communication network**”
- Hyperlinks Provider “**enables the access to information provided by third person** by providing.....**characteristic or property of an element such as symbol, word, phrase, sentence, or image that contains information about another source and points to and causes to display another document when executed**”
- Caching Provider “providing an electronic data transmission service by **automatic, intermediate and temporary storing information**, performed for the **sole purpose of making more efficient the information's onward transmission to other users of the service upon their Request**”

- Hosting Provider “providing an **electronic data transmission service by storing of information** provided by a user of the service.”
- Search Engine Provider “operates a search engine that either automatically or based on entries by others creates and index of Internet-related content or **makes available electronic tools to search for information provided by third party**”

- is not liable for the information if
  - a. the internet service provider expeditiously removes or disables access to the information after **receiving an order from any public authority or court to remove** the link; and
  - b. the internet service provider, **upon obtaining knowledge or awareness about specific illegal information stored by other ways than an order from a public authority**, *expeditiously informs a public authority to enable them to evaluate the nature of the information and if necessary issue an order to remove the content.*

- ITU: HIPSSA

Establishment of Harmonized Policies for the ICT Market in the ACP Countries

Computer Crime and Cybercrime:

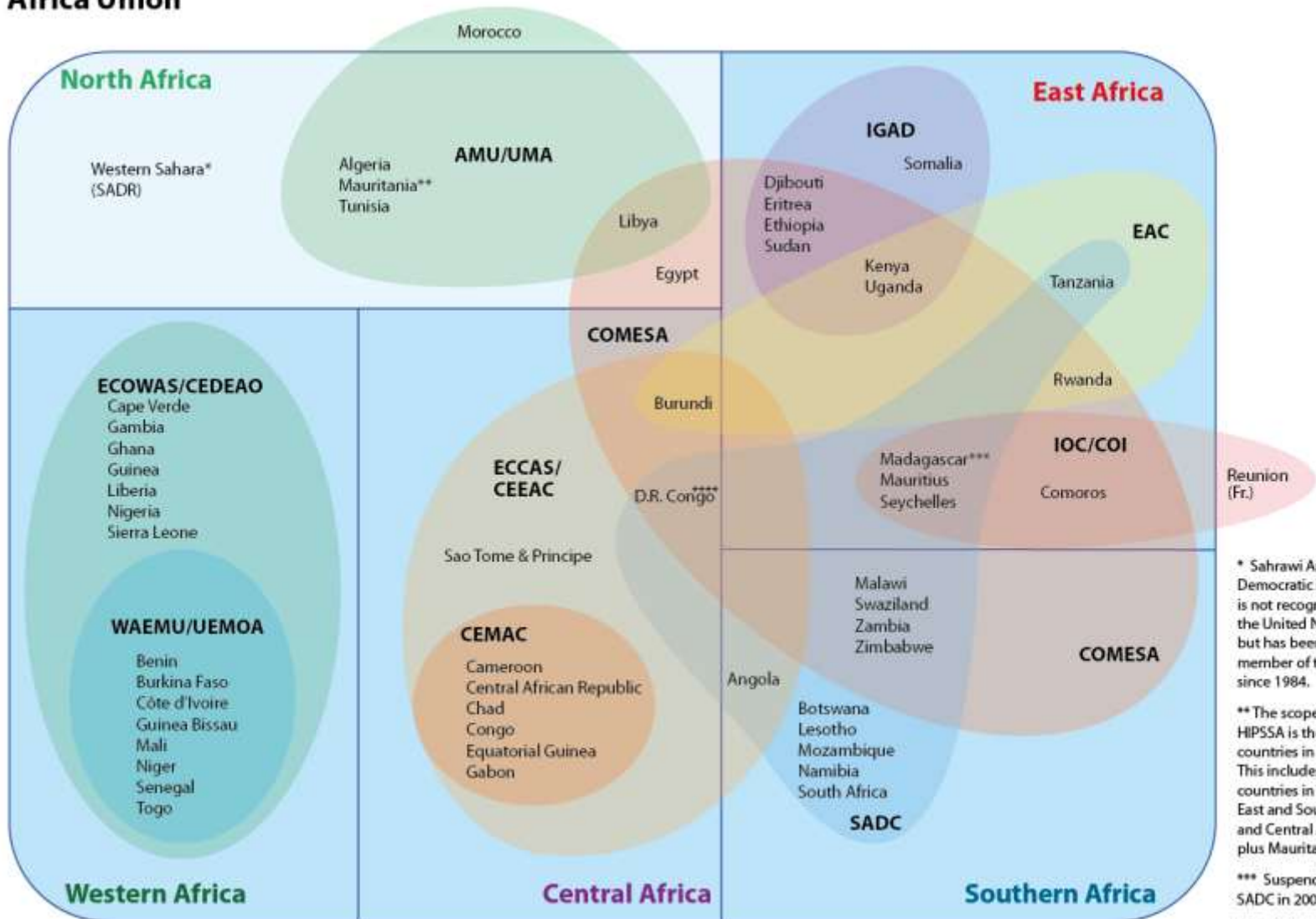
Southern African Development  
Community (SADC) Model Law

**HIPSSA** Harmonization of  
ICT Policies in  
Sub-Saharan Africa



# Model Laws – Findings – ITU Models - HIPSSA

## Africa Union



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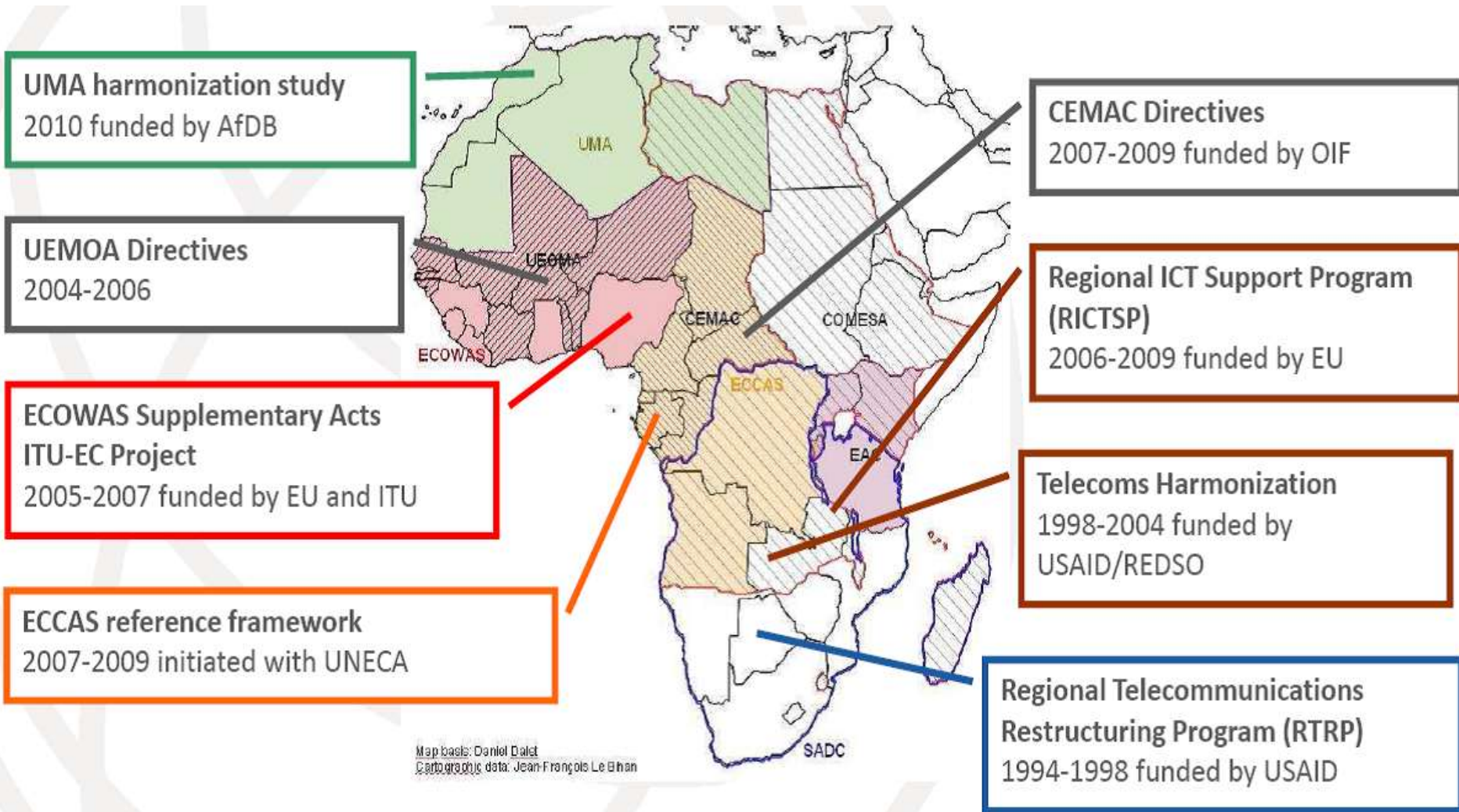
\* Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is not recognised by the United Nations, but has been a full member of the AU since 1984.

\*\* The scope of HIPSSA is the 48 ACP countries in Africa. This includes all countries in Western, East and Southern and Central Africa plus Mauritania.

\*\*\* Suspended from SADC in 2009.

\*\*\*\* Democratic Republic of Congo

# Model Laws –Findings– ITU Models - HIPSSA



# Model Laws –Findings– ITU Models - HIPSSA

## 3. Cross-border frequency coordination

- HCM4A Sub-Saharan assessment report [EN] [FR]
- HCM4A Central Africa assessment report [EN]
- HCM4A East Africa assessment report [EN]
- HCM4A Southern Africa assessment report [EN]
- HCM4A West Africa assessment report [EN]
- HCM4A Agreement [EN] [FR]
- HCM4A Annexes to Agreement [Annex 1] [Annex 2A] [Annex 2B] [Annex 3A] [Annex 3B] [Annex 4] [Annex 5] [Annex 6] [Annex 6 App.1] [Annex 6 App.2] [Annex 6 App.3] [Annex 6 App.4] [Annex 6 App.5] [Annex 7] [Annex 8A] [Annex 8B] [Annex 9] [Annex 10] [Annex 11]

## 4. Regional ICT indicators

- [ICT-Eye website](#)
- Methodology [EN]

## 5. Interconnection cost-modeling

- Assessment (regional and global)
- Training materials [EN]
- Training materials [FR]
- Training materials [PT]

## 6. Cybersecurity

- ECOWAS cybersecurity guidelines [EN]
- ECCAS Model Law / CEMAC Directives on Cybersecurity (Data protection, e-transactions, cybercrime) [FR]
- SADC model law on data protection [EN] [FR]
- SADC model law on e-transactions [EN] [FR]
- SADC model law on cybercrime [EN] [FR]

## 7. ICT/Telecom

- ECCAS model law on ICT/Telecom [FR]

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- ITU: ICB4PAC

Establishment of Harmonized Policies for the ICT Market in the ACP Countries

**Electronic Crimes:  
Knowledge-based Report**  
(Assessment)

**ICB4PAC**

Capacity Building and ICT  
Policy, Regulatory and  
Legislative Frameworks  
for Pacific Island Countries



## REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE-BASED REPORTS

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1. Numbering

Knowledge-based report

2. National ICT Policy

Knowledge-based report

3. International Mobile Roaming

Knowledge-based report

4. Cybercrime

Knowledge-based report (Assessment)

Knowledge-based report (Skeleton)

5. Licensing

Knowledge-based report

6. Universal Access and Service

Knowledge-based report

7. Interconnection and Cost Modeling

Knowledge-based report

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- HIPCAR Plus+
  - ❑ “A country may criminalize racial and **religious acts** committed by using means of electronic systems”
  - ❑ “A country may criminalize illegal online gambling”
  - ❑ Cyber stalking “who initiates directly or **indirectly** any electronic communication, to do cyber stalking.....repeated coercion, intimidation, harassment, insult or **annoyance** through electronic.....”
  - ❑ “A country may criminalize defamation committed by means of electronic system”

- World Bank/OECS – EGRIP:



The screenshot shows the OECS Publications website. At the top, there is a yellow header with the OECS logo and the text "Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States". To the right of the logo are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and RSS, and a search bar. Below the header is a dark navigation menu with the following items: Home, The OECS, Our Work, Overseas Missions, Media, Publications (highlighted), Contact Us, and Search. Below the navigation menu is a breadcrumb trail: "YOU ARE HERE: HOME / PUBLICATIONS / E-GOVERNMENT FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION PROJECT / OECS HARMONIZED E-GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION". The main content area features a "Publications" section with the subtext "SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE" and a paragraph: "The OECS has published a number of resources providing researchers and stakeholders with information about our work in the region." To the right of this text are four small images of bookshelves. Below the "Publications" section is a large white box with the heading "OECS Harmonized E-government Legislation" and a sub-heading "Legislation". The text below this heading reads: "One of the objectives of the OECS Electronic Government for Regional Integration Project is to create harmonized legal and regulatory framework. In this regard, the final version of the OECS Harmonized E-government Legislation was ratified at the OECS". To the right of this box are two columns: "RECENT" and "FEATURED". The "RECENT" column contains a list item: "Summary of Key Decisions 9th REC Meeting August 6, 2014 FINAL". The "FEATURED" column contains a book cover titled "REVISED TREATY OF BASILIDES ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES".

# Model Laws – Findings – World Bank/OECS – EGRIP Model

The suite of legislation includes:


- Electronic Transactions Act;
- Data Protection Act;
- Electronic Crimes Bill;
- Evidence Bill
- Electronic Funds Transfer Bill;
- EGRIP e-Filing Act;
- E-Filing Rules and Regulations

## DOCUMENTS

 Data Protection Act AGs 09.10.11 ( docx, 97 KB ) (75 downloads)	12 Feb 2014
 Electronic Crimes Bill - AGs 09.10.11 ( docx, 88 KB ) (107 downloads) <b>Popular</b>	12 Feb 2014
 Electronic Evidence Bill - AGs 09.10.11 ( docx, 64 KB ) (267 downloads) <b>Popular</b>	12 Feb 2014
 Electronic Filing Bill AGs 09.10.11 ( docx, 48 KB ) (97 downloads)	12 Feb 2014
 Electronic Filing Rules Regulations - AGs 09.10.11 ( docx, 53 KB ) (89 downloads)	12 Feb 2014
 Electronic Funds Transfer Bill AGs 09.10.11 ( docx, 60 KB ) (86 downloads)	12 Feb 2014

Statistical Digest 2013-14

29 October 2014

-  St Vincent & the Grenadines Education Statistical Digest 2013

29 October 2014

-  OECS Education Statistical Digest 2012-13

29 October 2014

-  Montserrat Statistical Digest 2013 2014

29 October 2014

-  Grenada Statistical Digest 2012 -3

29 October 2014

-  St Kitts and Nevis Statistical Digest 2014

29 October 2014

REVISED TREATY  
ESTABLISHING THE  
UNION (PDF)



OECS Education Sector  
Strategy 2009-2013



EDUCATION  
STRATEGY



Community of the Caribbean  
2014



ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES

Electronic Government for Regional Integration Project (EGRIP)



## **ELECTRONIC CRIMES BILL**

**Fourth Draft**

6 October 2011

*(With amendments from 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OECS LAC)*

*Prepared by: Hellerstein & Associates*

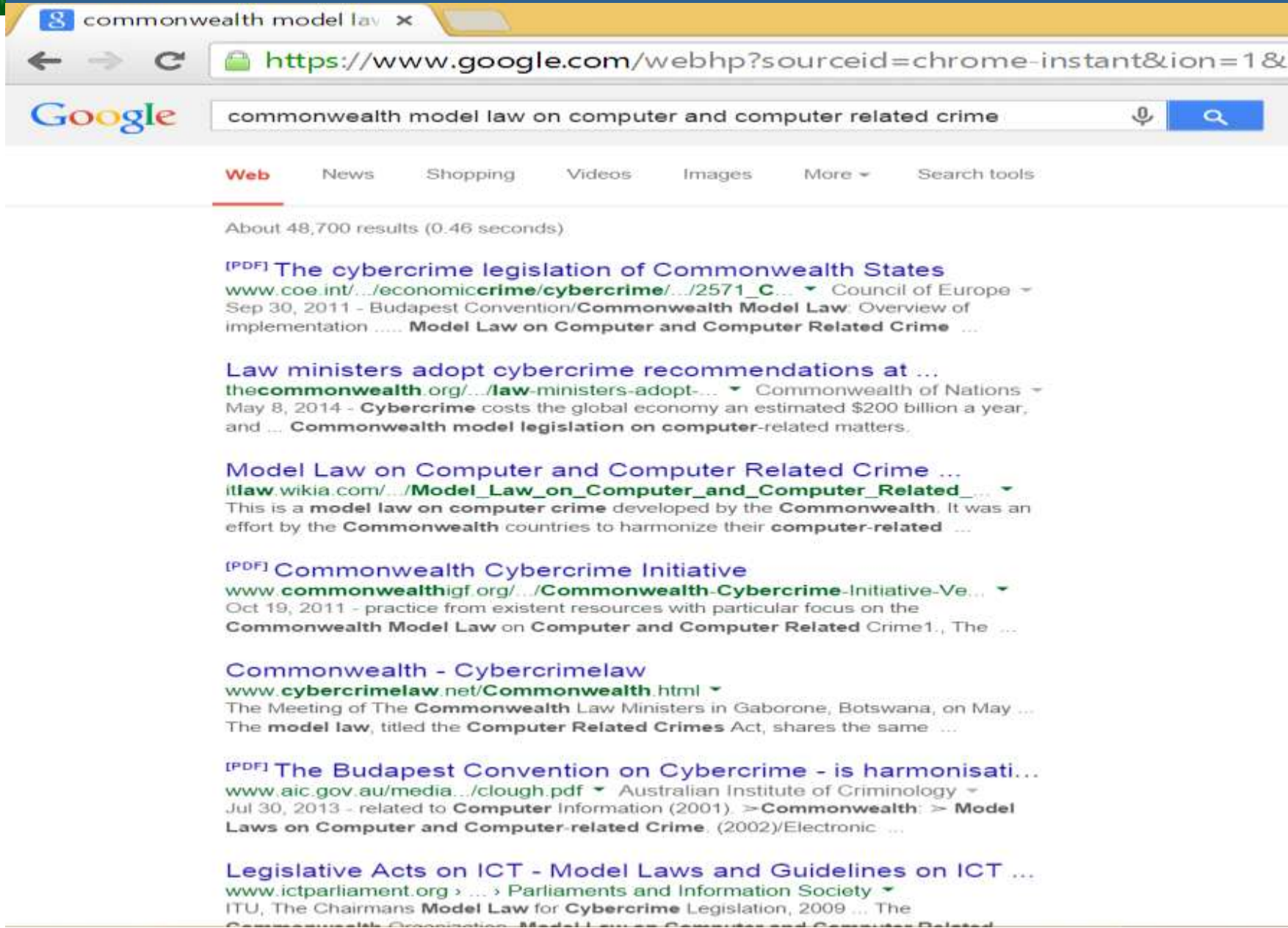


- World Bank/OECS – EGRIP:
  - ❑ Only one section on some aspects of illegal access & interference
  - ❑ Rest not cybercrimes:
  - ❑ Offensive messages and communications “inconvenience”
  - ❑ Identity theft “not fraudulently or dishonestly make use of an **electronic signature, password** or other unique identification feature of another person”
  - ❑ Defamation “person shall not defame another person....TBD”
  - ❑ Malicious code “electronic program or a **hidden** function in a program that **infects data** with or without attaching its copy to a file and is **capable of spreading** over an electronic system with or without human intervention including virus, worm or Trojan horse”
  - ❑ Violation of Privacy “captures, publishes or transmits the image of a **private area**.... naked or **undergarment clad genitals**, pubic area, **buttocks** or female breast”

- World Bank/OECS – EGRIP:
  - ❑ Prank calls to LEAs “use a caller ID service to transmit misleading or **inaccurate caller ID** information service”
  - ❑ Electronic stalking “**embarrass**”
  - ❑ Spoofing “establish a website or send an electronic message with a **counterfeit source**...with the intention that a visitor ..... believe .....authentic source..... to attract or solicit a person or electronic system”
  - ❑ Unauthorized access to code “**not disclose**”
  - ❑ Police obtain Court order to delete “**indecent material**”

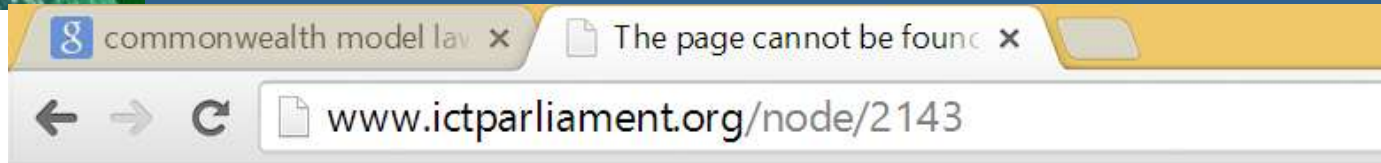


# Model Laws –Findings– Commonwealth Model Law



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- [PDF] The cybercrime legislation of Commonwealth States**  
www.coe.int/.../economiccrime/cybercrime/.../2571\_C... Council of Europe  
Sep 30, 2011 - Budapest Convention/Commonwealth Model Law: Overview of implementation ..... **Model Law on Computer and Computer Related Crime** ...
- Law ministers adopt cybercrime recommendations at ...**  
thecommonwealth.org/.../law-ministers-adopt-... Commonwealth of Nations  
May 8, 2014 - **Cybercrime** costs the global economy an estimated \$200 billion a year, and ... **Commonwealth model legislation on computer-related matters.**
- Model Law on Computer and Computer Related Crime ...**  
itlaw.wikia.com/.../Model\_Law\_on\_Computer\_and\_Computer\_Related...  
This is a **model law on computer crime** developed by the **Commonwealth**. It was an effort by the **Commonwealth** countries to harmonize their **computer-related** ...
- [PDF] Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative**  
www.commonwealthigf.org/.../Commonwealth-Cybercrime-Initiative-Ve...  
Oct 19, 2011 - practice from existent resources with particular focus on the **Commonwealth Model Law on Computer and Computer Related Crime**1., The ...
- Commonwealth - Cybercrimelaw**  
www.cybercrimelaw.net/Commonwealth.html  
The Meeting of The **Commonwealth** Law Ministers in Gaborone, Botswana, on May ... The **model law**, titled the **Computer Related Crimes Act**, shares the same ...
- [PDF] The Budapest Convention on Cybercrime - is harmonisati...**  
www.aic.gov.au/media.../clough.pdf Australian Institute of Criminology  
Jul 30, 2013 - related to **Computer Information (2001)**. >**Commonwealth**: > **Model Laws on Computer and Computer-related Crime**. (2002)/Electronic ...
- Legislative Acts on ICT - Model Laws and Guidelines on ICT ...**  
www.ictparliament.org > ... > Parliaments and Information Society  
ITU, The Chairmans **Model Law for Cybercrime Legislation, 2009** ... The **Commonwealth Organisation Model Law on Computer and Computer Related**



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### Communique: Commonwealth Law Ministers Meeting 2014

News item

8 May 2014

DRAFT **MODEL** LAW ON RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH 9. Ministers considered a draft **Model** ... the drafting of a **model** law as requested by Senior Officials at their 2010 ...



### Law ministers adopt cybercrime recommendations at Botswana meeting

News item

8 May 2014

by using Commonwealth **model** legislation on computer-related matters. It also ...



### Meeting of Law Ministers and Attorneys-General of Small Commonwealth Jurisdictions:

News item

12 September 2013

Draft **Model** Act on Integrity in Public Life ... jurisdictions asked the Secretariat to develop a **model** code of conduct for public ... and consultations were held and I am glad that a draft **model** Act is now before ...

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## MODEL LAW ON COMPUTER AND COMPUTER RELATED CRIME

### BACKGROUND

1. In Port of Spain, Law Ministers considered the impact of technology on various aspects of the law. One of the issues highlighted for further consideration was computer crime. Ministers recognized the challenges for law enforcement arising from the developments in technology including the new types of criminal activity and the difficulties associated with the gathering and use of electronic evidence. Ministers asked that an expert group be convened to consider the content of a model law on the basis of the work of the Council of Europe on the Draft Convention on Cyber Crime (*COE Draft Convention*). Topics that were specifically mentioned for consideration included criminalisation of various forms of computer abuse, admissibility of computer evidence, and investigation of computer related crime.

### EXPERT GROUP

2. Following the course of action identified, the Secretariat convened an expert group to address the topic of Computer Crime and related issues.
3. Working on the basis of the *COE Draft Convention*, the expert group on Computer Crime and Related Criminal Law issues made recommendations, *inter alia*, for the content of a model law. On the basis of their report a draft model law, combined with the model law on e-commerce, was prepared and submitted to Senior Officials for their consideration.

### SENIOR OFFICIALS

4. At their meeting in November 2001 Senior Officials decided that the Expert Group should be reconvened to review the draft model law in light of recent developments, in particular the changes made to the Council of Europe Convention on Cyber Crime, since the original meeting of the group. They also requested that the combined model law be separated into two model laws addressing the separate subject areas of e-commerce and computer crime and related issues.

5. The Expert Group was reconvened in March 2002 and based on their report (*Annex A*) a revised Model Law on Computer and Computer Related Crime was prepared. (*Annex B*).

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7. The Model Law on Computer and Computer Related Crime is recommended for endorsement by Law Ministers.

- Not include:
  - E-forgery (Article 7 of the Convention)
  - E-fraud (Article 8)
  - Digital copyright/IPR protection (Article 10)
  - Corporate liability (Article 12)

- Not include:
  - Limitations on scope
  - Limitations on duration
  - Grounds justifying application for each power
  - Intermediary liability protection provisions
  - International cooperation provisions
  - Adequate provision related to jurisdiction
  - Adequate legislative language in general
  - Adequate legislative language and procedural safeguards with respect to powers
  
  - International Cooperation provisions

# Model Laws – Methodology

Criteria Code	Scoring Criteria	Scores
A.	Article 1 Definitions	3
B.	Definitions of access and authorization	0
C.	Impact on business/ rights holders	-5
	Section 1- Substantive law	
D.	Overall legal and technical adequacy	-5
E.	Article 2 -Illegal access	4
F.	Article 3 -Illegal interception	2
G.	Article 4 -Data interference	4
H.	Article 5 -System interference	2
I.	Article 6 -Misuse of devices	4
J.	Article 7 -Computer-related forgery	4
K.	Article 8 -Computer-related fraud	6
L.	Article 9 -Offences related to child pornography	3.5
M.	Article 10 -Offences related to infringements of copyright and related rights	0
N.	Article 11 -Attempt and aiding or abetting	0
O.	Article 12 -Corporate liability	0
P.	Absence of offences, inappropriate, technically incorrect or unsafe offences	-5
Q.	Consistency with Human Rights (negative scores for regressive offences)	-5



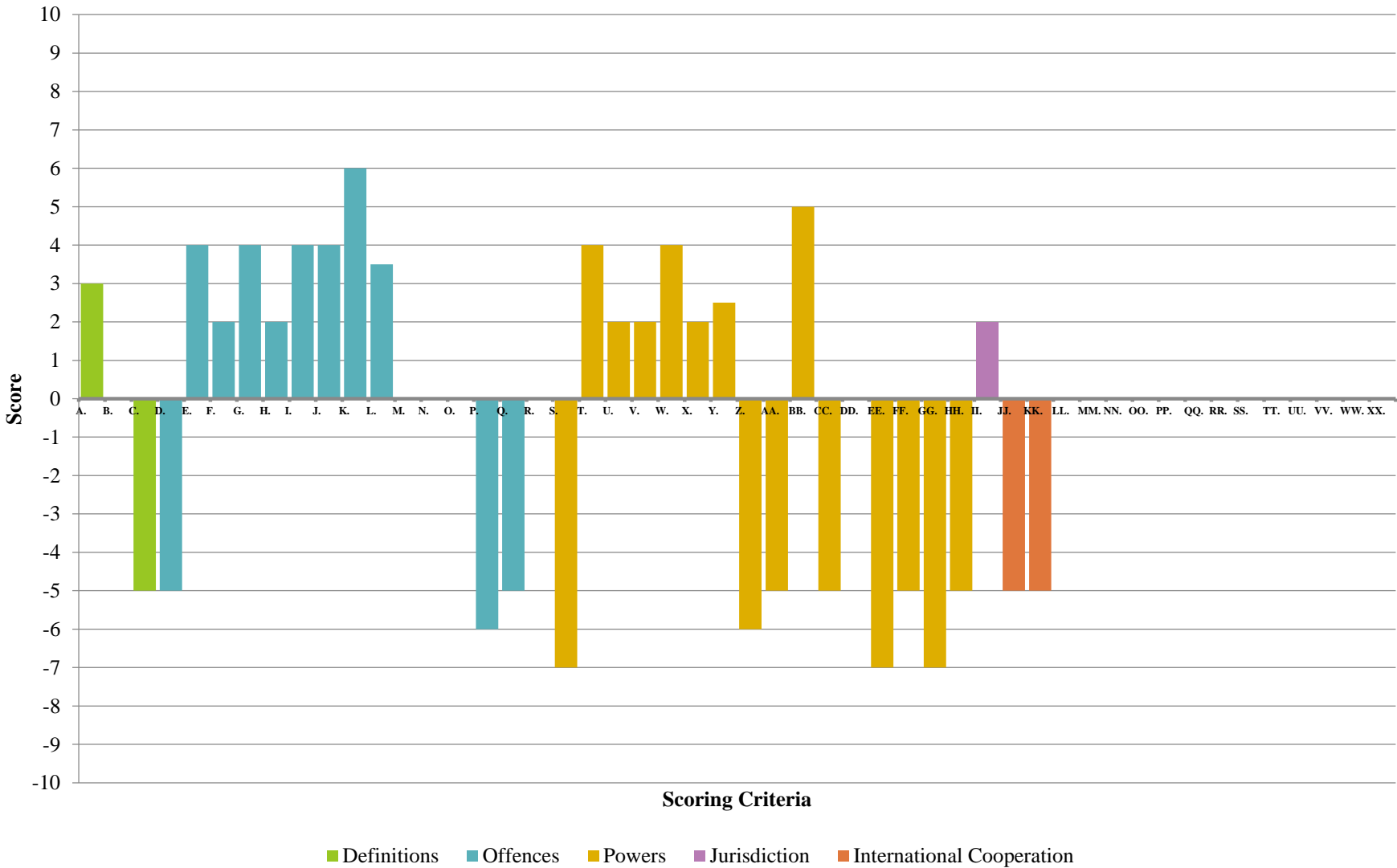
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	Section 2 – Procedural law	
R.	Applicability of procedural provisions to non-cyber offences	0
S.	Article 15 –Conditions and safeguards	-7
T.	Article 16 –Expedited preservation of stored computer data	4
U.	Article 17 –Expedited preservation and partial disclosure of traffic data	2
V.	Article 18 –Production order	2
W.	Article 19 –Search and seizure of stored computer data	4
X.	Article 20 –Real-time collection of traffic data	2
Y.	Article 21 –Interception of content data	2.5
Z.	Impact on Private Sector	-6
AA.	UNDHR/ ICCPR compliance	-5
BB.	Effective judicial supervision	5
CC.	Proportionality	-5
DD.	Grounds justifying application of powers	0
EE.	Limitation of scope and duration	-7
FF.	Privacy protection	-5
GG.	Consistency with international best practice on intermediary liability protection (OECD)	-7
HH.	Impact upon third parties	-5

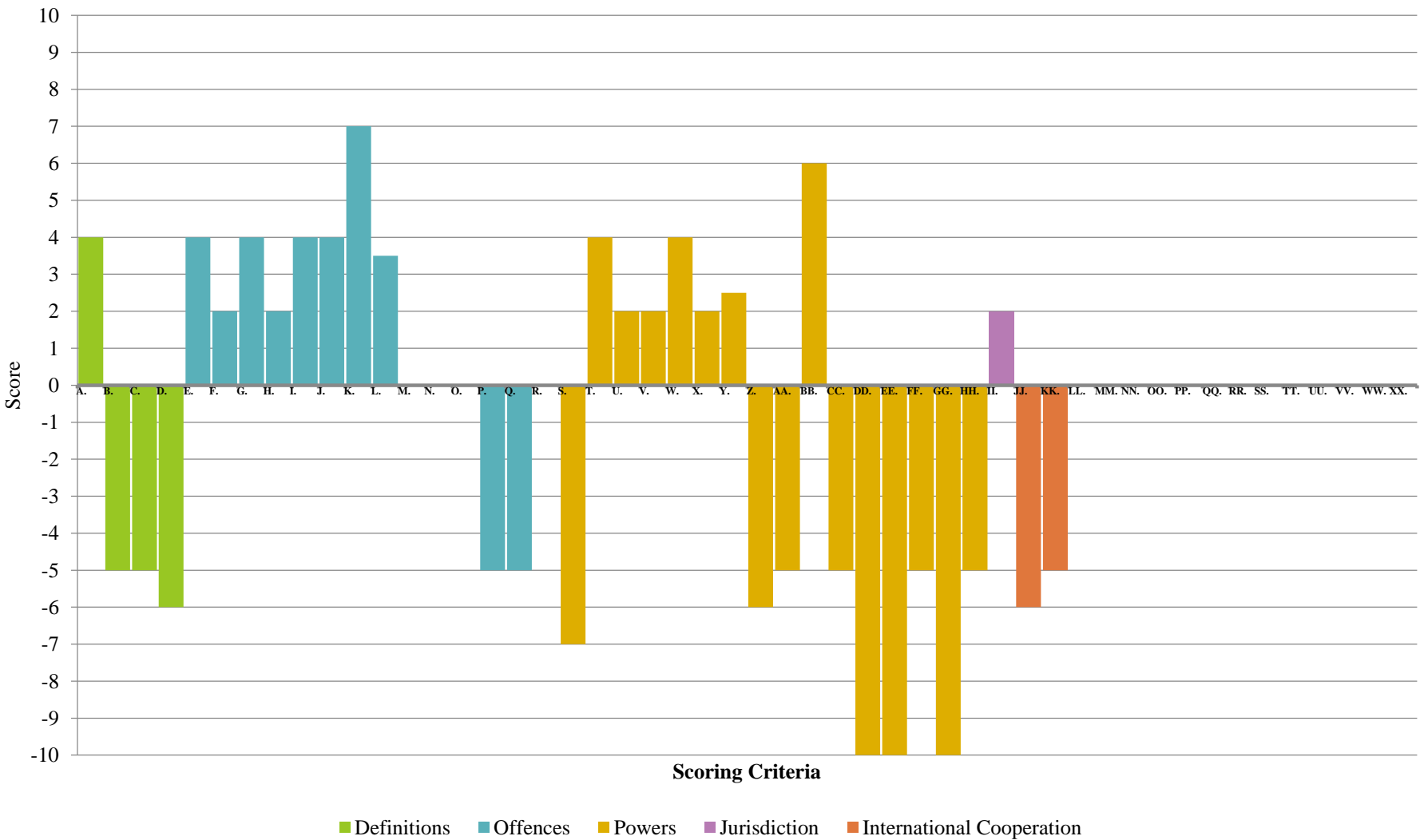
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II.	Article 22 –Jurisdiction	2
	Chapter III – International co-operation	
JJ.	Compatibility of offences for International Cooperation	-5
KK.	Compatibility of Powers for International Cooperation	-5
LL.	Article 23 –General principles relating to international co-operation	0
MM.	Article 24 –Extradition	0
NN.	Article 25 –General principles relating to mutual assistance	0
OO.	Article 26 –Spontaneous information	0
PP.	Article 27 –Procedures pertaining to mutual assistance requests in the absence of applicable international agreements	0
QQ.	Article 28 –Confidentiality and limitation on use	0
RR.	Article 29 –Expedited preservation of stored computer data	0
SS.	Article 30 –Expedited disclosure of preserved traffic data	0
TT.	Article 31 –Mutual assistance regarding accessing of stored computer data	0
UU.	Article 32 –Trans-border access to stored computer data with consent or where publicly available	0
VV.	Article 33 –Mutual assistance in the real-time collection of traffic data	0
WW.	Article 34 –Mutual assistance regarding the interception of content data	0
XX.	Article 35 –24/7 Network	0

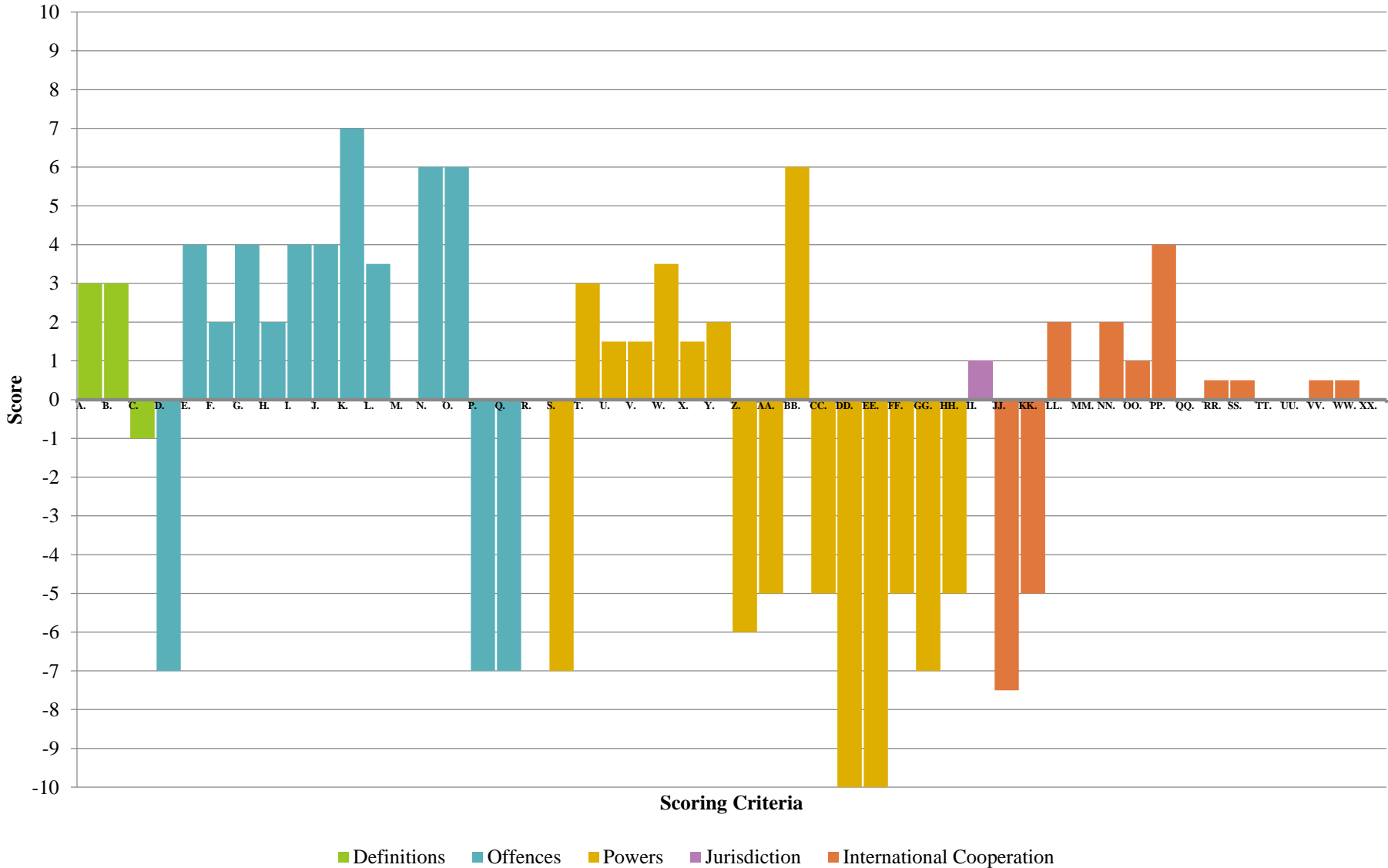
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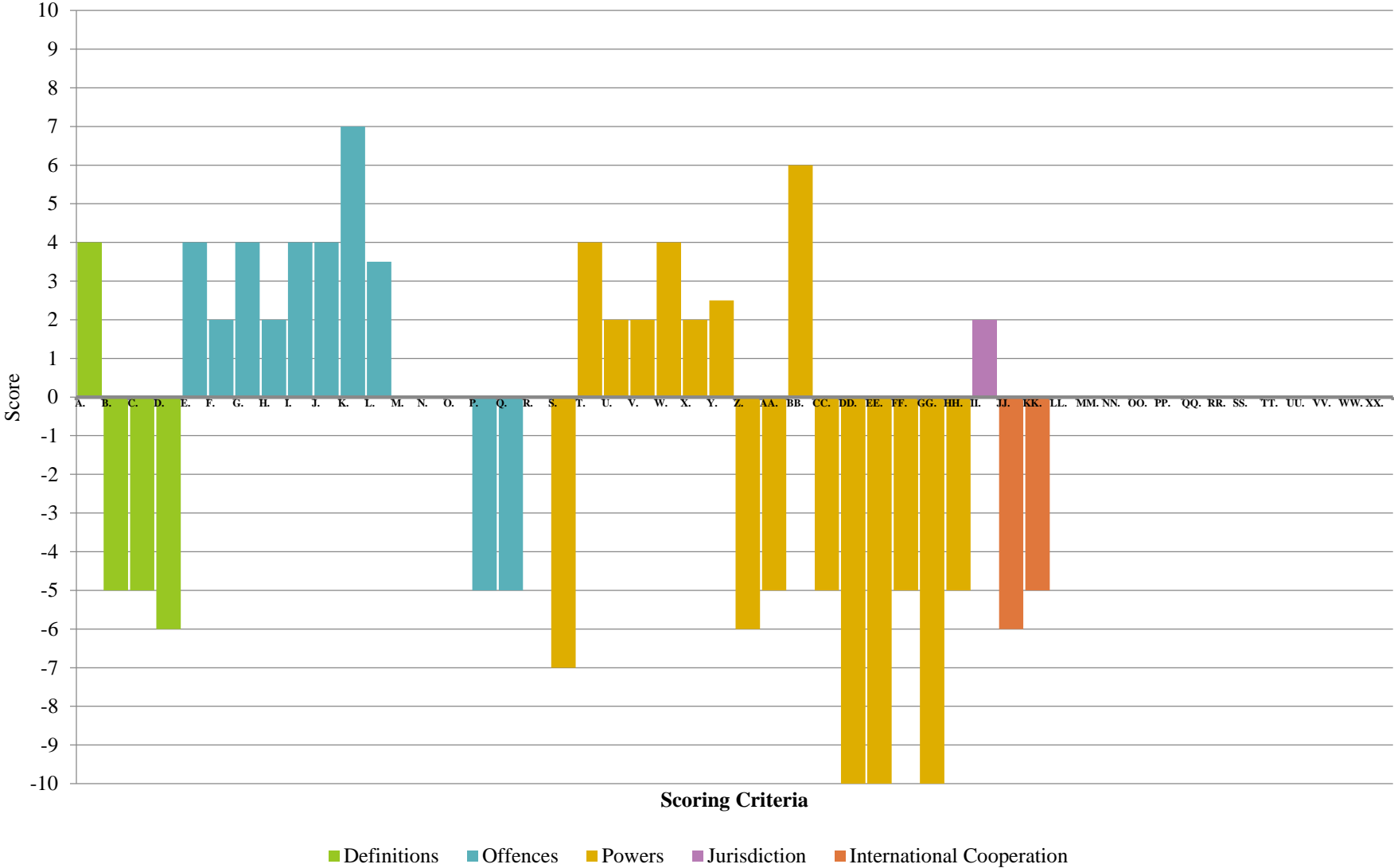
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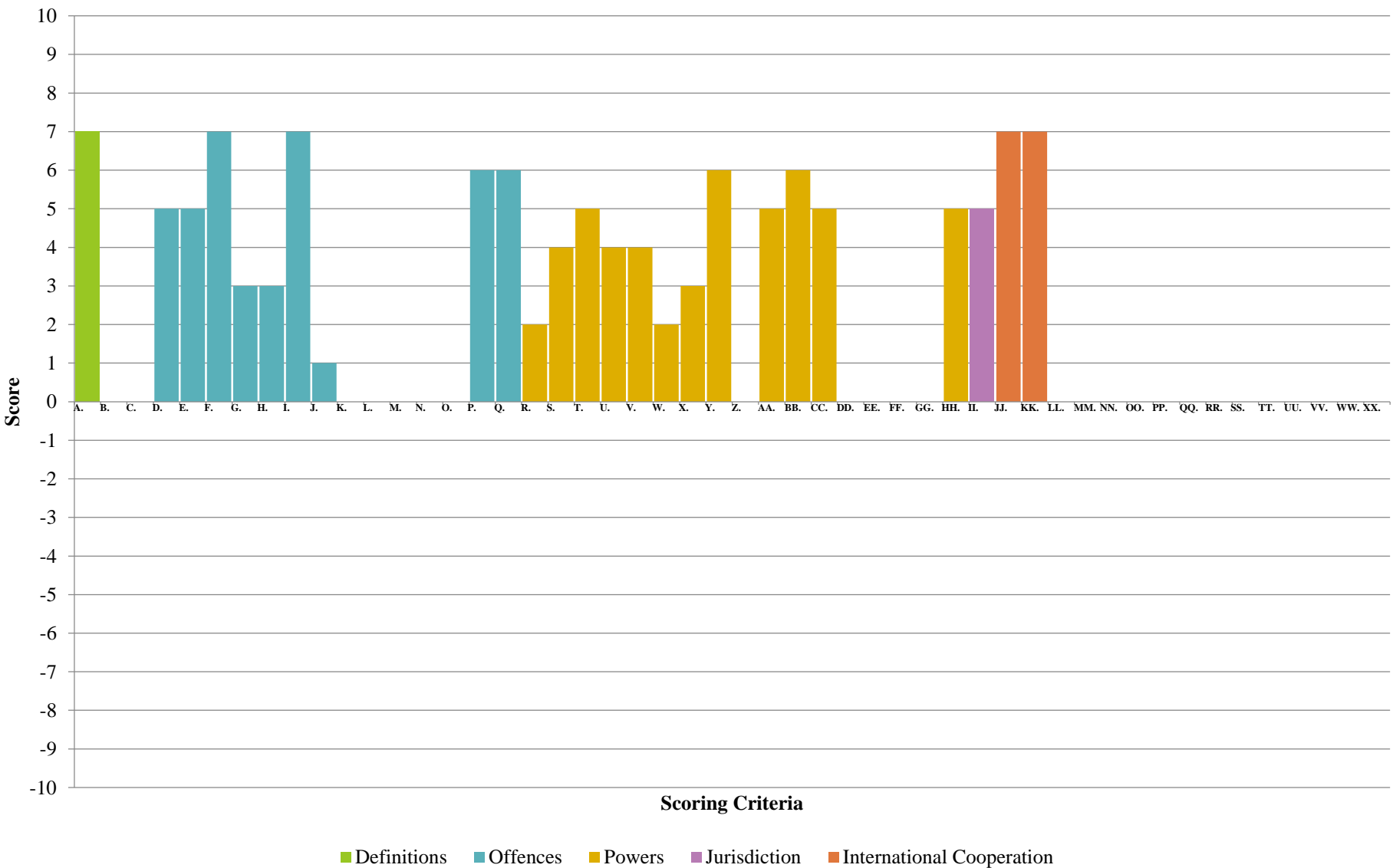
## ICB4PAC



## HIPSSA-SADC



## Commonwealth Model Law







- Model Laws are:
  - Poor quality
  - Unsafe
  - Ambiguous (credibility)
  - Political agenda (at times - ITU)
  - Useful efforts sidelined (Commonwealth)
  - Utility doubtful

- Yet need:
  - Legislative Capacity Building
  - Convention + Eg. Implementation
  - Comprehensible, Accessible
  - Esp. for Developing Countries

- Break through Noise
  - ❑ Engagement with Countries not acceding/requesting accession on Legislative capacity building
- Mitigate, Contain
  - ❑ Engagement with Organizations on Model Laws
- Transparency
  - ❑ Seek clarification as to the status of model laws

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