

The Dominican Republic and the Budapest Convention



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Council of Europe, Strasbourg
4 to 6 December 2013**

History

- July 2003
 - First case considered cybercrime
- November 2004
 - Cybercrime Unit (DICAT) created in the National Police
 - Cybercrime Law drafted, fully in line with the Budapest Convention
- April 2007
 - Law 53-07 against cybercrime enacted

History

- November 2008
 - Invited to accede to the convention by the Council of Europe
- February 2012
 - Accession to the Budapest Convention
- October 2012
 - Ratification of the Budapest Convention by Congress
- June 2013
 - Entry into force

International Cooperation

- **MLAT's**
- **Dual Criminality information sharing**
- **Budapest Convention**
- **Police-to-Police information**
- **24/7 Networks (G8, Budapest Conv.)**

Current Problems

- **International Cooperation: US ISP's**



- **Major setback: Constitutional Court Ruling TC/0200/13 (November 7, 2013)**

The Way Forward

- Currently working to ammend Law 53-07:
 - Include conducts like Grooming
 - Harden the imprisonment terms for some provisions to meet the requirements of the Procedural Penal Code (Art. 192)

Thank You

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