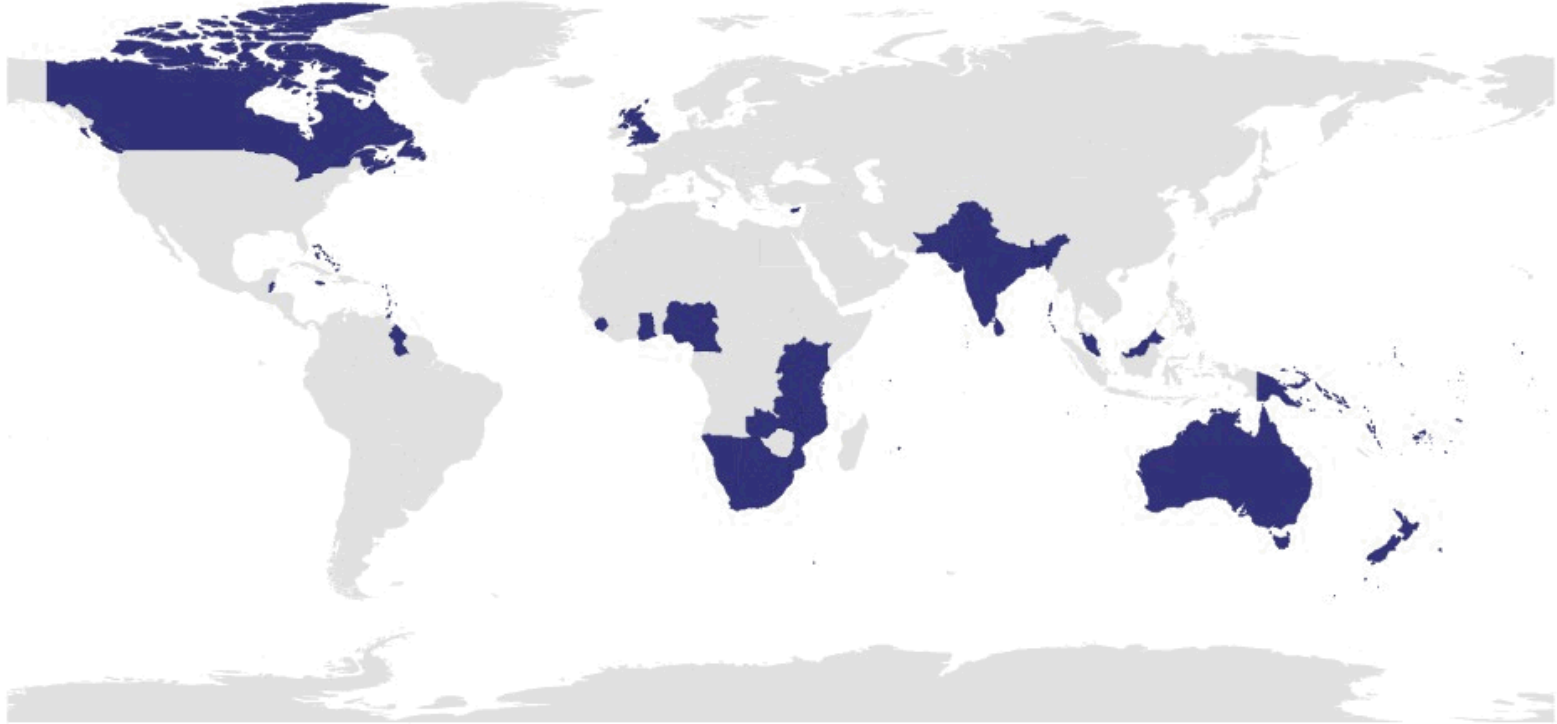

International Policies on cybercrime: The Commonwealth Secretariat

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The Commonwealth



- The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 53 independent and equal sovereign states;
- Countries have no legal obligation to each other yet are all guided by the principles contained in The Charter of the Commonwealth: democracy, human rights and the rule of law; and
- They are also united through language, history and culture.

Mandates: Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2013

Colombo, Sri Lanka,

“Heads of Government reaffirmed the importance of addressing the increasing threat of cybercrime, which poses a major obstacle to socio-economic growth, peace and stability. They encouraged collaboration by member states with relevant international organisations and agencies, to develop appropriate programmes of technical assistance, in order to enhance capacity in resource-constrained settings.

Mandates: Commonwealth Law Ministers Meeting 2014

Gaborone, Botswana,

- “cybercrime was a global matter and any weak link provided opportunities for criminals”;
- “The effort to combat cybercrime required collaboration with a wide range of national, regional and international organisations, and with the private sector and civil society. This would maximise the effectiveness of technical assistance, for which there was a great need, and avoid duplication.”
- “Ministers endorsed the [recommendation that]... every Commonwealth jurisdiction should ...accede, where practicable, to the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime (the Budapest Convention) and/or consider becoming Party to other regional or international cybercrime conventions and participating in other initiatives to ensure co-ordinated action against cybercrime.”

The Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative

“Work together to reduce the number of separate, duplicative, missions to the field and diagnostic reviews; and promote joint training to share lessons learnt and build a community of practice.”

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Thank You

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