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Outline

Background and Justification

This activity is carried out within the scope of the GLACY + Project in line with the program of the Presidency of Cape Verde of CMJPLOP whose theme is "Combating cybercrime: A new challenge for justice".

As the world evolves towards a new "normal", the use of and reliance on information technology became more and more pervasive in society. The targeting and illegal exploitation of computer systems and malicious software have also become increasingly common. International pandemics such as the COVID-19 only seem to further spur the wave of cyber-based illegal activities. Offences involving computers have grown rapidly since the beginning of the pandemics, both in number and in sophistication, but there has been a time lag in developing effective countermeasures and in aligning legislation, strategies and policies in a consistent and harmonized manner. The countries of the Conference of Ministers of Justice from the Portuguese Speaking Countries (CMJPLOP) experienced the same considerable challenges during the past months.

To respond to the need of further cooperation and exchange of experience within CPLP countries, the 2020 Conference of Ministries of Justice CPLP countries is focusing on promoting mutual dialogue, reassessing the cybercrime legislation benchmarked against the conclusions of the previous conference and to gain the knowledge needed to effectively combat ever evolving cybercrime challenges. The conference is organized for the second time consecutively in partnership

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with the GLACY+ project of the Council of Europe and comes as a reassurance of the joint commitment to work together towards finding new modalities of strengthening international cooperation against all forms of cybercrime.

With a view to promoting effective discussions, a questionnaire was circulated in advance to understand the state of play on cybercrime in CPLP countries and the new challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Expected results

This activity is carried out under Objective 1 Activity 1.3.3 "Organize regional meetings and international policies to share best practices and promote harmonization of legislation, the rule of law and human rights safeguards" of GLACY + project.

The international conference is expected to contribute to:

- raising awareness among participants about the new cybercrime trends and ways to tackle cybercrime at an international level;
- achieve a better common understanding of cybercrime laws in the CPLP countries, identify
 potential gaps and lunch discussions about ways to overcome them, possible through future
 national workshops;
- promote the benefits of acceding to the Budapest Convention and explain next steps towards it.

National delegations will be encouraged in participating in the conference and providing with their inputs on the subjects discussed, divided under three major sessions, over the course of three days, as it follows:

- Session 1: Cybercrime trends during COVID-19 pandemic
- Session 2: Cybercrime investigations and protection of personal data
- Session 3: International cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence and CPLP role

It is further expected that the conference should produce recommendations and conclusions that will subsequently be brought to the CPLP Summit of Ministers of Justice for further approval.

Participants

Countries will be invited to nominate 10 participants from each country who - mindful of the conference objectives - should be involved in drafting and reforming legislation, prosecutors, judges, law enforcement and investigators involved on cybercrime aspects.

Location

The workshops will be held remotely via a video-conferencing platform. The format of the workshop is a response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, which prohibits international travel and the physical participation to events in large groups without endangering public health. Simultaneous interpretation EN/PT will be provided. Each session will take place between:

- 08h00 11h30 Brazil (Brasília)
- 10h00 13h30 Cape Verde
- 11h00 14h30 Guinea-Bissau
- 11h00 14h30 São Tomé and Príncipe
- 11h00 14h30 Portugal
- 12h00 15h30 Angola
- 12h00 15h30 Equatorial Guinea
- 13h00 16h30 Mozambique
- 20h00 23h30 East Timor

Agenda

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Cape Verde time	SESSION 1: Cybercrime trends during COVID-19
10h00	 Welcome and opening Cape Verde Ministry of Justice EU delegation in Cape Verde (TBC) Council of Europe – GLACY+ PM
10h15	Virtual assets related investigations trends – highlights on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic • Interpol • Q&A session
11h00	Health break
11h15	 The use of Darknets and Anonymity to commit crimes International Expert Q&A session
12h00	 Online child sexual exploitation and abuse International Expert Q&A session
12h45	Conclusions and key takeaways Cape Verde representative: Judge Council of Europe
13h00	End of Day 1

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Cape Verde time	SESSION 2: Cybercrime investigations and protection of personal data
10h00	Welcome and opening of the sessionCouncil of Europe
10h15	Investigations and protection of personal data, the law enforcement perspective INTERPOL
10h45	 Data Protection guidelines for law enforcement officers International Expert
11h15	Questions and answers All panelists
11h45	Health break
12h00	Cybercrime investigations in practice and data protection issues International Expert
12h30	Questions and answers All panelists
12h45	Conclusions and key takeaways Cape Verde representative: Prosecutor Council of Europe
13h00	End of Day 2

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Cape Verde Time	SESSION 3: International cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence and the role of CPLP
10h00	Welcome and opening of the sessionCouncil of Europe
10h15	Enhanced cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence – the second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention • International Expert • Q&A session
11h00	 International Cooperation in practice: best practices CMJPLOP Member States – Best practices and challenges for each country Q&A session
11h45	Health break
12h00	 Conclusions and recommendations of the Conference Cape Verde GLACY+ national coordinator Q&A session
13h00	 Closing of the workshop Prosecutor General of the Republic of Cape Verde (TBC) EU delegation in Cape Verde (TBC) Council of Europe – Glacy+ PM
13h30	End of Conference

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