









Workshop on cybercrime legislation in Latin America

Mexico City
31 March (national workshop)
1 - 2 April 2014 (international workshop)

Organised by the Government of Mexico and the Council of Europe

Outline

Background

Several events have been organised in recent years to support countries of Latin America in the drafting of legislation on cybercrime in line with international standards, that is, the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. These include workshops and advice by the Organization of American States, the Council of Europe and others.

In the meantime, many States have thus undertaken reforms of their criminal legislation and a number of them have taken steps to join the Budapest Convention. Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico and Panama have been invited to accede to this treaty. Others are interested in joining this treaty, including Paraguay and Peru. However, so far, only the Dominican Republic has completed this process and become a Party.

Objective and participants

The aim of the workshop is to support the process of reform of legislation and of accession to the Convention on Cybercrime in the above countries.

As Parliaments exercise the most crucial role in reforming legislation, this workshop is primarily aimed at members of Parliaments prepared to take this process forward as well as at representatives of Ministries of Justice responsible for drafting legislation and of Ministries of Foreign Affairs responsible for international treaties.

It is expected that by the end of the workshop participants will have a better understanding of the issues to be taken into account when preparing legislation on cybercrime and of the need for efficient international cooperation on the basis of treaties such as the Convention on Cybercrime.

The workshop will be held in Spanish and English.

Programme

Monday, 31 Mar	ch 2014 National workshop for Mexican participants
Cybercrime legislation in Mexico and accession to the Convention on Cybercrime	
9h30	Opening session
	Cybercrime: Its magnitude and damages
	Cybercrime legislation: the current state
	Options for reform of the legislation
	Steps to be taken. The role of the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary branches
14h30	Introduction to the Budapest Convention: benefits and challenges for Mexico – catalogue of cybercrimes – the prosecution thereof- digital evidence – chain of custody – justiciability – child protection – international cooperation
	Acceding to the Convention: options and admissible reservations
	Conclusion: steps to complete the accession process
Tuesday, 1 April 2014	
Cybercrime legislation in Latin America - Day 1	
9h30	Opening session
	The threat of cybercrime and the challenge of electronic evidence: overview
	The Budapest Convention on Cybercrime: benefits and challenges for Latin America - catalogue of cybercrimes – the prosecution thereof- digital evidence – chain of custody – justiciability – child protection – international cooperation – international law – human rights – interoperability – technical assistance
14h30	The current state of cybercrime legislation in Latin America: substantive criminal law
	OverviewCountry-by-country analysis and proposals
Wednesday, 2 April 2014 (Technical level)	
Cybercrime	egislation in Latin America – Day 2
9h30	Procedural law and rule of law safeguards - Overview - Country-by-country analysis and proposals
14h30	
141130	Acceding to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime - Overview - Country-by-country analysis and proposals
17h00	Conclusions

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