

**Cybercrime legislation – country profile**

**PHILIPPINES**

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<b>Country:</b>	<b>Philippines</b>
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<b>Provisions of the Convention</b>	<p><b>Corresponding provisions/solutions in national legislation</b>  <i>(pls quote or summarise briefly; pls attach relevant extracts as an appendix)</i></p> <p>This profile is based on the version of the draft of the ACT DEFINING CYBERCRIME, PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION, SUPPRESSION AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, that is, the “Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2010”</p>

<b>Chapter I – Use of terms</b>	
<p><b>Article 1 – “Computer system”, “computer data”, “service provider”, “traffic data”:</b></p> <p>For the purposes of this Convention:</p> <p>a “computer system” means any device or a group of interconnected or related devices, one or more of which, pursuant to a program, performs automatic processing of data;</p> <p>b “computer data” means any representation of facts, information or concepts in a form suitable for processing in a computer system, including a program suitable to cause a computer system to perform a function;</p> <p>c “service provider” means:</p> <p>i any public or private entity that provides to users of its service the ability to communicate by means of a computer system, and</p> <p>ii any other entity that processes or stores computer data on behalf of such communication service or users of such service;</p> <p>d “traffic data” means any computer data relating to a communication by means of a computer system, generated by a computer system that formed a part in the chain of communication, indicating the communication’s origin, destination, route, time, date, size, duration, or type of underlying service</p>	<p><b>SEC. 3. Definition of Terms.</b> For purposes of this Act, the following terms are hereby defined as follows:</p> <p>a) Access – refers to the instruction, communication with, storing data in, retrieving data from, or otherwise making use of any resources of a computer system;</p> <p>b) Alteration - refers to the modification or change, in form or substance, of an existing computer data or program;</p> <p>c) Communication - refers to the transmission of information including voice and non-voice data;</p> <p>d) Computer system - means any device or a group of interconnected or related devices, one or more of which, pursuant to a program, performs automatic processing of data. It covers any type of computer device including devices with data processing capabilities like mobile phones and also computer networks. The device consisting of hardware and software may include input, output and storage facilities which may stand alone or be connected in a network or other similar devices. It also includes computer-data storage devices or medium.</p> <p>e) Computer Data - refers to any representation of facts, information, or concepts in a form suitable for processing in a computer system including a program suitable to cause a computer system to perform a function and includes electronic documents or electronic data messages;</p> <p>f) Computer Program – refers to a set of instructions executed by the computer to achieve intended results;</p> <p>g) Without Right – refers to either: (1) conduct undertaken without or in excess of authority; or (ii) conduct not covered by established legal defenses, excuses, court orders, justifications, or relevant principles under the law;</p> <p>h) Database – refers to a representation of information, knowledge, facts, concepts, or instructions which are being prepared, processed or stored or have been prepared, processed or stored in a formalized manner and which are intended for use in a computer system;</p>

	<p>i) Interception – refers to listening to, recording, monitoring or surveillance of the content of communications, including procuring of the content of data, either directly, through access and use of a computer system or indirectly, through the use of electronic eavesdropping or tapping devices, at the same time that the communication is occurring;</p> <p>j) Service Provider – refers to the provider of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. any public or private entity that provides to users of its service the ability to communicate by means of a computer system, and</li> <li>. any other entity that processes or stores computer data on behalf of such communication service or users of such service;</li> </ul> <p>k) Subscriber’s Information – refers to any information contained in the form of computer data or any other form that is held by a service provider, relating to subscribers of its services other than traffic or content data and by which can be established;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. The type of communication service used, the technical provisions taken thereto and the period of service;</li> <li>. The subscriber’s identity, postal or geographic address, telephone and other access number, any assigned network address, billing and payment information, available on the basis of the service agreement or arrangement;</li> <li>. Any other available information on the site of the installation of communication equipment, available on the basis of the service agreement or arrangement.</li> </ul> <p>l) Traffic Data or Non-Content Data – refers to any computer data other than the content of the communication, including but not limited to the communication’s origin, destination, route, time, date, size, duration, or type of underlying service.</p>
<p><b>Chapter II – Measures to be taken at the national level</b></p>	
<p><b>Section 1 – Substantive criminal law</b></p>	
<p><i>Title 1 – Offences against the confidentiality, integrity and availability of computer data and systems</i></p>	
<p><b>Article 2 – Illegal access</b></p>	<p><b>SEC. 4. Cybercrime Offenses.</b> - The following acts constitute the offense of</p>

<p>Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally, the access to the whole or any part of a computer system without right. A Party may require that the offence be committed by infringing security measures, with the intent of obtaining computer data or other dishonest intent, or in relation to a computer system that is connected to another computer system.</p>	<p>cybercrime punishable under this Act:</p> <p>A. Offences against the confidentiality, integrity and availability of computer data and systems:</p> <p><b>1. Illegal Access</b> - The intentional access to the whole or any part of a computer system without right.</p>
<p><b>Article 3 – Illegal interception</b></p> <p>Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally, the interception without right, made by technical means, of non-public transmissions of computer data to, from or within a computer system, including electromagnetic emissions from a computer system carrying such computer data. A Party may require that the offence be committed with dishonest intent, or in relation to a computer system that is connected to another computer system.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 4. Cybercrime Offenses.</b> - The following acts constitute the offense of cybercrime punishable under this Act:</p> <p>A. Offences against the confidentiality, integrity and availability of computer data and systems:</p> <p><b>2. Illegal Interception</b> - The intentional interception made by technical means without right of any non-public transmission of computer data to, from, or within a computer system including electromagnetic emissions from a computer system carrying such computer data: Provided, however, that it shall not be unlawful for an officer, employee, or agent of a service provider, whose facilities are used in the transmission of communications, to intercept, disclose, or use that communication in the normal course of his employment while engaged in any activity that is necessary to the rendition of his service or to the protection of the rights or property of the service provider, except that the latter shall not utilize service observing or random monitoring except for mechanical or service control quality checks;</p>
<p><b>Article 4 – Data interference</b></p> <p>1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally, the damaging, deletion, deterioration, alteration or suppression of computer data without right.</p> <p>2 A Party may reserve the right to require that the conduct described in paragraph 1 result in serious harm.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 4. Cybercrime Offenses.</b> - The following acts constitute the offense of cybercrime punishable under this Act:</p> <p>A. Offences against the confidentiality, integrity and availability of computer data and systems</p> <p><b>3. Data interference</b> - the intentional or <b><u>reckless alteration</u></b> of computer data without right.</p>
<p><b>Article 5 – System interference</b></p> <p>Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary</p>	<p><b>SEC. 4. Cybercrime Offenses.</b> - The following acts constitute the offense of cybercrime punishable under this Act:</p>

<p>to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally, the serious hindering without right of the functioning of a computer system by inputting, transmitting, damaging, deleting, deteriorating, altering or suppressing computer data</p>	<p>A. Offenses against the confidentiality, integrity and availability of computer data and systems  <b>4. System Interference</b> - the intentional or reckless hindering without right of the functioning of a computer system by inputting, transmitting, deleting, altering or suppressing computer data or program.</p>
<p><b>Article 6 – Misuse of devices</b>  1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally and without right:  a the production, sale, procurement for use, import, distribution or otherwise making available of:</p> <p>i a device, including a computer program, designed or adapted primarily for the purpose of committing any of the offences established in accordance with the above Articles 2 through 5;</p> <p>ii a computer password, access code, or similar data by which the whole or any part of a computer system is capable of being accessed, with intent that it be used for the purpose of committing any of the offences established in Articles 2 through 5; and</p> <p>b the possession of an item referred to in paragraphs a.i or ii above, with intent that it be used for the purpose of committing any of the offences established in Articles 2 through 5. A Party may require by law that a number of such items be possessed before criminal liability attaches.</p> <p>2 This article shall not be interpreted as imposing criminal liability where the production, sale, procurement for use, import, distribution or otherwise making available or possession referred to in paragraph 1 of this article is not for the purpose of committing an offence established in accordance with Articles 2 through 5 of this Convention, such as for the authorised testing or protection of a computer system.</p>	<p>SEC. 4. Cybercrime Offenses. - The following acts constitute the offense of cybercrime punishable under this Act:  A. 5 Misuse of Devices –  a. The use, production, sale, procurement, importation, distribution, or otherwise making available, without right, of:  . a device, including a computer program, designed or adapted primarily for the purpose of committing any of the offenses under this Act; or  . a computer password, access code, or similar data by which the whole or any part of a computer system is capable of being accessed with intent that it be used for the purpose of committing any of the offenses under this Act;.  b. The possession of an item referred to in paragraphs 5(a)(i) or (ii) above with intent to use said devices for the purpose of committing any of the offenses under this Section.</p> <p>Provided, That no criminal liability shall attach when the use, production, sale, procurement, importation, distribution, or otherwise making available, or possession of computer devices/data referred to is for the authorized testing of a computer system.</p>

<p>3 Each Party may reserve the right not to apply paragraph 1 of this article, provided that the reservation does not concern the sale, distribution or otherwise making available of the items referred to in paragraph 1 a.ii of this article.</p>	
<p><i>Title 2 – Computer-related offences</i></p>	
<p><b>Article 7 – Computer-related forgery</b>  Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally and without right, the input, alteration, deletion, or suppression of computer data, resulting in inauthentic data with the intent that it be considered or acted upon for legal purposes as if it were authentic, regardless whether or not the data is directly readable and intelligible. A Party may require an intent to defraud, or similar dishonest intent, before criminal liability attaches.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 4. Cybercrime Offenses.</b> - The following acts constitute the offense of cybercrime punishable under this Act:</p> <p>B. Computer-related Offenses:</p> <p>1. Computer-related Forgery – (a) the intentional input, alteration, or deletion of any computer data without right resulting in inauthentic data with the intent that it be considered or acted upon for legal purposes as if it were authentic, regardless whether or not the data is directly readable and intelligible; (b) the act of knowingly using computer data which is the product of computer-related forgery as defined herein, for the purpose of perpetuating a fraudulent or dishonest design</p>
<p><b>Article 8 – Computer-related fraud</b>  Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally and without right, the causing of a loss of property to another person by:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a any input, alteration, deletion or suppression of computer data;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b any interference with the functioning of a computer system,</p> <p>with fraudulent or dishonest intent of procuring, without right, an economic benefit for oneself or for another person.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 4. Cybercrime Offenses.</b> - The following acts constitute the offense of cybercrime punishable under this Act:</p> <p><b>B. Computer-related Offenses:</b></p> <p>2. Computer-related Fraud – the intentional and unauthorized input, alteration, or deletion of computer data or program or interference in the functioning of a computer system, causing <b>damage</b> thereby, with the intent of procuring an economic benefit for oneself or for another person or for the perpetuation of a fraudulent or dishonest activity; Provided, that if no damage has yet been caused, the penalty imposable shall be one degree lower.</p>
<p><i>Title 3 – Content-related offences</i></p>	
<p><b>Article 9 – Offences related to child pornography</b>  1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary</p>	<p><b>SEC. 4. Cybercrime Offenses.</b> - The following acts constitute the offense of cybercrime punishable under this Act:</p>

<p>to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally and without right, the following conduct:</p> <p>a producing child pornography for the purpose of its distribution through a computer system;</p> <p>b offering or making available child pornography through a computer system;</p> <p>c distributing or transmitting child pornography through a computer system;</p> <p>d procuring child pornography through a computer system for oneself or for another person;</p> <p>e possessing child pornography in a computer system or on a computer-data storage medium.</p> <p>2 For the purpose of paragraph 1 above, the term "child pornography" shall include pornographic material that visually depicts:</p> <p>a a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct;</p> <p>b a person appearing to be a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct;</p> <p>c realistic images representing a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct</p> <p>3 For the purpose of paragraph 2 above, the term "minor" shall include all persons under 18 years of age. A Party may, however, require a lower age-limit, which shall be not less than 16 years.</p> <p>4 Each Party may reserve the right not to apply, in whole or in part, paragraphs 1, sub-paragraphs d. and e, and 2, sub-paragraphs b. and c.</p>	<p>C. Content-related Offenses:</p> <p>1. Cybersex – any person who establishes, maintains or controls, directly or indirectly, any operation for sexual activity or arousal with the aid of or through the use of a computer system, for a favour or consideration.</p> <p>2. Child Pornography - any person who engages in the following acts:</p> <p>a. Producing child pornography for the purpose of distribution through a computer system;</p> <p>b. Offering or making available child pornography through a computer system;</p> <p>c. Distribution or transmitting child pornography through a computer system;</p> <p>d. Procuring child pornography through a computer system for oneself or for another person; or</p> <p>e. Possessing child pornography materials in the computer system or on a computer data storage medium.</p> <p>For purposes of this Section, the term "child pornography" shall include pornographic material that visually depicts: (a) a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct; (b) a person appearing to be a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct; (c) realistic images representing a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.</p>
<p><i>Title 4 – Offences related to infringements of copyright and related rights</i></p>	
<p><b>Article 10 – Offences related to infringements of copyright and related rights</b></p> <p>1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law the infringement of copyright, as defined under the law of that Party, pursuant to the obligations it has undertaken under the Paris Act of 24 July 1971 revising the</p>	

Bern Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the WIPO Copyright Treaty, with the exception of any moral rights conferred by such conventions, where such acts are committed wilfully, on a commercial scale and by means of a computer system.

2 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law the infringement of related rights, as defined under the law of that Party, pursuant to the obligations it has undertaken under the International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations (Rome Convention), the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, with the exception of any moral rights conferred by such conventions, where such acts are committed wilfully, on a commercial scale and by means of a computer system.

3 A Party may reserve the right not to impose criminal liability under paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article in limited circumstances, provided that other effective remedies are available and that such reservation does not derogate from the Party's international obligations set forth in the international instruments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article.

*Title 5 – Ancillary liability and sanctions*

**Article 11 – Attempt and aiding or abetting**

1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally, aiding or abetting the commission of any of the offences established in accordance with Articles 2 through 10 of the present Convention with intent that such offence be committed.

2 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally, an attempt to commit any of the offences established in accordance with Articles 3 through 5, 7, 8, and 9.1.a and c. of this Convention.

3 Each Party may reserve the right not to apply, in whole or in part, paragraph

**SEC. 5. Other Offenses.** – The following acts shall also constitute an offense:

1. Aiding or Abetting in the Commission of Cybercrime. -- Any person who wilfully abets or aids in the commission of any of the offenses enumerated in this Act shall be held liable.

2. Attempt in the Commission of Cybercrime – Any person who wilfully attempts to commit any of offenses enumerated in this Act shall be held liable.



2 of this article.	
<p><b>Article 12 – Corporate liability</b></p> <p>1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to ensure that legal persons can be held liable for a criminal offence established in accordance with this Convention, committed for their benefit by any natural person, acting either individually or as part of an organ of the legal person, who has a leading position within it, based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a a power of representation of the legal person;</li> <li>b an authority to take decisions on behalf of the legal person;</li> <li>c an authority to exercise control within the legal person.</li> </ul> <p>2 In addition to the cases already provided for in paragraph 1 of this article, each Party shall take the measures necessary to ensure that a legal person can be held liable where the lack of supervision or control by a natural person referred to in paragraph 1 has made possible the commission of a criminal offence established in accordance with this Convention for the benefit of that legal person by a natural person acting under its authority.</p> <p>3 Subject to the legal principles of the Party, the liability of a legal person may be criminal, civil or administrative.</p> <p>4 Such liability shall be without prejudice to the criminal liability of the natural persons who have committed the offence.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 6. Liability under Other Laws.</b> - A prosecution under this Act shall be without prejudice to any liability for violation of any provision of the Revised Penal Code, as amended or special laws.</p> <p><b>SEC. 8. Corporate Liability.</b> - When any of the punishable acts herein defined is knowingly committed on behalf of or for the benefit of a juridical person, by a natural person acting either individually or as part of an organ of the juridical person, who has a leading position within in, based on (a) a power of representation of the juridical person, (b) an authority to take decisions on behalf of the juridical person, or (c) an authority to exercise control within the juridical person, the juridical person shall be held liable for a fine equivalent to at least double the fines imposable in Section 7 up to a maximum of Ten Million Pesos (Php10,000,000.00).</p> <p>When the commission of any of the punishable acts herein defined was made possible due to the lack of supervision or control by a natural person referred to and described in the preceding paragraph, for the benefit of that juridical person by a natural person acting under its authority, the juridical person shall be held liable for a fine equivalent to at least double the fines imposable in Section 7 up to a maximum of Five Million Pesos (Php5, 000,000.00).</p> <p>The liability imposed on the juridical person shall be without prejudice to the criminal liability of the natural person who has committed the offense.</p>
<p><b>Article 13 – Sanctions and measures</b></p> <p>1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to ensure that the criminal offences established in accordance with Articles 2 through 11 are punishable by effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions, which include deprivation of liberty.</p> <p>2 Each Party shall ensure that legal persons held liable in accordance with Article 12 shall be subject to effective, proportionate and dissuasive criminal or non-criminal sanctions or measures, including monetary sanctions.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 7. Penalties.</b> Any person found guilty of any of the punishable acts enumerated in Section 4C(1) of this Act shall be punished with imprisonment of <i>prision mayor</i> or a fine of at least Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00) but not exceeding One Million Pesos (Php1,000,000.00) or both.</p> <p>Any person found guilty of any of the punishable acts enumerated in Section 4C(2) of this Act shall be punished with imprisonment of <i>prision correccional</i> or a fine of at least One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00) but not exceeding</p>

	<p>Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP500,000.00) or both.</p> <p>Any person found guilty of any of the punishable acts enumerated in Section 4C(3) of this Act shall be punished with imprisonment of <i>arresto mayor</i> or a fine of at least Fifty Thousand Pesos (PhP50,000.00) but not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (PhP250,000.00) or both.</p>
<p><b>Section 2 – Procedural law</b></p>	
<p><b>Article 14 – Scope of procedural provisions</b></p> <p>1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish the powers and procedures provided for in this section for the purpose of specific criminal investigations or proceedings.</p> <p>2 Except as specifically provided otherwise in Article 21, each Party shall apply the powers and procedures referred to in paragraph 1 of this article to:</p> <p>a the criminal offences established in accordance with Articles 2 through 11 of this Convention;</p> <p>b other criminal offences committed by means of a computer system; and</p> <p>c the collection of evidence in electronic form of a criminal offence.</p> <p>3 a Each Party may reserve the right to apply the measures referred to in Article 20 only to offences or categories of offences specified in the reservation, provided that the range of such offences or categories of offences is not more restricted than the range of offences to which it applies the measures referred to in Article 21. Each Party shall consider restricting such a reservation to enable the broadest application of the measure referred to in Article 20.</p> <p>b Where a Party, due to limitations in its legislation in force at the time of the adoption of the present Convention, is not able to apply the measures referred to in Articles 20 and 21 to communications being transmitted within a computer system of a service provider, which system:</p> <p>i is being operated for the benefit of a closed group of users, and</p> <p>ii does not employ public communications networks and is not connected with another computer system, whether public or private,</p> <p>that Party may reserve the right not to apply these measures to such</p>	

<p>communications. Each Party shall consider restricting such a reservation to enable the broadest application of the measures referred to in Articles 20 and 21</p>	
<p><b>Article 15 – Conditions and safeguards</b></p> <p>1 Each Party shall ensure that the establishment, implementation and application of the powers and procedures provided for in this Section are subject to conditions and safeguards provided for under its domestic law, which shall provide for the adequate protection of human rights and liberties, including rights arising pursuant to obligations it has undertaken under the 1950 Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the 1966 United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and other applicable international human rights instruments, and which shall incorporate the principle of proportionality.</p> <p>2 Such conditions and safeguards shall, as appropriate in view of the nature of the procedure or power concerned, <i>inter alia</i>, include judicial or other independent supervision, grounds justifying application, and limitation of the scope and the duration of such power or procedure.</p> <p>3 To the extent that it is consistent with the public interest, in particular the sound administration of justice, each Party shall consider the impact of the powers and procedures in this section upon the rights, responsibilities and legitimate interests of third parties.</p>	
<p><b>Article 16 – Expedited preservation of stored computer data</b></p> <p>1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to enable its competent authorities to order or similarly obtain the expeditious preservation of specified computer data, including traffic data, that has been stored by means of a computer system, in particular where there are grounds to believe that the computer data is particularly vulnerable to loss or modification.</p> <p>2 Where a Party gives effect to paragraph 1 above by means of an order to a person to preserve specified stored computer data in the person’s possession or</p>	<p><b>SEC. 9. Expedited preservation of stored computer data.</b> – Law enforcement authorities may issue a preservation order to a service provider to preserve specified computer data that has been stored by means of a computer system in relation to a valid complaint and/or pending investigation.</p> <p><b>SEC. 10. Preservation of Computer Data.</b> -The integrity of traffic data and subscriber information relating to communication services provided by a service provider shall be preserved for a minimum period of six (6) months from the date of the transaction. Content data shall be similarly preserved for six (6) months from the date of receipt of the order from law enforcement authorities requiring</p>

<p>control, the Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to oblige that person to preserve and maintain the integrity of that computer data for a period of time as long as necessary, up to a maximum of ninety days, to enable the competent authorities to seek its disclosure. A Party may provide for such an order to be subsequently renewed.</p> <p>3 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to oblige the custodian or other person who is to preserve the computer data to keep confidential the undertaking of such procedures for the period of time provided for by its domestic law.</p> <p>4 The powers and procedures referred to in this article shall be subject to Articles 14 and 15.</p>	<p>its preservation.</p> <p>Law enforcement authorities may order a one-time extension for another six (6) months provided that once computer data preserved, transmitted or stored by a service provider is used as evidence in a case, the mere furnishing to such service provider of the transmittal document to the Office of the Prosecutor shall be deemed a notification to preserve the computer data until the termination of the case.</p> <p>The service provider ordered to preserve computer data shall keep confidential the order and its compliance.</p> <p><b>SEC. 15. Non-compliance.</b> – Failure to comply with the provisions of Chapter IV hereof specifically the orders from law enforcement authorities shall be punished as a violation of P. D. No. 1829 with imprisonment of prison correctional in its maximum period or a fine of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP100,000.00) or both, for each and every non-compliance with an order issued by law enforcement authorities.</p>
<p><b>Article 17 – Expedited preservation and partial disclosure of traffic data</b></p> <p>1 Each Party shall adopt, in respect of traffic data that is to be preserved under Article 16, such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to:</p> <p>a ensure that such expeditious preservation of traffic data is available regardless of whether one or more service providers were involved in the transmission of that communication; and</p> <p>b ensure the expeditious disclosure to the Party’s competent authority, or a person designated by that authority, of a sufficient amount of traffic data to enable the Party to identify the service providers and the path through which the communication was transmitted.</p> <p>2 The powers and procedures referred to in this article shall be subject to Articles 14 and 15.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 13. Disclosure of subscriber’s information, traffic data or relevant data.</b> – Law enforcement authorities may issue a disclosure order requiring a service provider to disclose or submit subscriber’s information, traffic data or relevant data in its possession or control within seventy two (72) hours from receipt of the order in relation to a valid complaint and/or pending investigation.</p> <p><b>SEC. 15. Non-compliance.</b> – Failure to comply with the provisions of Chapter IV hereof specifically the orders from law enforcement authorities shall be punished as a violation of P. D. No. 1829 with imprisonment of <i>prision correccional</i> in its maximum period or a fine of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP100,000.00) or both, for each and every non-compliance with an order issued by law enforcement authorities.</p>
<p><b>Article 18 – Production order</b></p> <p>1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to empower its competent authorities to order:</p>	<p><b>SEC. 13. Disclosure of subscriber’s information, traffic data or relevant data.</b> – Law enforcement authorities may issue a disclosure order requiring a service provider to disclose or submit subscriber’s information, traffic data or</p>

<p>a a person in its territory to submit specified computer data in that person's possession or control, which is stored in a computer system or a computer-data storage medium; and</p> <p>b a service provider offering its services in the territory of the Party to submit subscriber information relating to such services in that service provider's possession or control.</p> <p>2 The powers and procedures referred to in this article shall be subject to Articles 14 and 15.</p> <p>3 For the purpose of this article, the term "subscriber information" means any information contained in the form of computer data or any other form that is held by a service provider, relating to subscribers of its services other than traffic or content data and by which can be established:</p> <p>a the type of communication service used, the technical provisions taken thereto and the period of service;</p> <p>b the subscriber's identity, postal or geographic address, telephone and other access number, billing and payment information, available on the basis of the service agreement or arrangement;</p> <p>c any other information on the site of the installation of communication equipment, available on the basis of the service agreement or arrangement.</p>	<p>relevant data in its possession or control within seventy two (72) hours from receipt of the order in relation to a valid complaint and/or pending investigation.</p> <p><b>SEC. 15. Non-compliance.</b> – Failure to comply with the provisions of Chapter IV hereof specifically the orders from law enforcement authorities shall be punished as a violation of P. D. No. 1829 with imprisonment of <i>prision correccional</i> in its maximum period or a fine of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP100,000.00) or both, for each and every non-compliance with an order issued by law enforcement authorities.</p>
<p><b>Article 19 – Search and seizure of stored computer data</b></p> <p>1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to empower its competent authorities to search or similarly access:</p> <p>a a computer system or part of it and computer data stored therein; and</p> <p>b a computer-data storage medium in which computer data may be stored</p> <p>in its territory.</p> <p>2 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to ensure that where its authorities search or similarly access a specific computer system or part of it, pursuant to paragraph 1.a, and have grounds to believe that the data sought is stored in another computer system</p>	<p><b>SEC. 14. Search, seizure, and examination of computer data.</b> –Where a search and seizure warrant is properly issued, the law enforcement authorities shall likewise have the following powers and duties:</p> <p>Within the time period specified in the warrant, to conduct interception, as defined in this Act, content of communications, procure the content data either directly, through access and use of computer system, or indirectly, through the use of electronic eavesdropping or tapping devices, in real time or at the same time that the communication is occurring and to:</p> <p>a. secure a computer system or a computer data storage medium;</p> <p>b. make and retain a copy of those computer data secured;</p>

<p>or part of it in its territory, and such data is lawfully accessible from or available to the initial system, the authorities shall be able to expeditiously extend the search or similar accessing to the other system.</p> <p>3 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to empower its competent authorities to seize or similarly secure computer data accessed according to paragraphs 1 or 2. These measures shall include the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a seize or similarly secure a computer system or part of it or a computer-data storage medium;</li> <li>b make and retain a copy of those computer data;</li> <li>c maintain the integrity of the relevant stored computer data;</li> <li>d render inaccessible or remove those computer data in the accessed computer system.</li> </ul> <p>4 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to empower its competent authorities to order any person who has knowledge about the functioning of the computer system or measures applied to protect the computer data therein to provide, as is reasonable, the necessary information, to enable the undertaking of the measures referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2.</p> <p>5 The powers and procedures referred to in this article shall be subject to Articles 14 and 15.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. maintain the integrity of the relevant stored computer data;</li> <li>d. conduct examination of the computer data storage medium; and</li> <li>e. render inaccessible or remove those computer data in the accessed computer or computer and communications network.</li> </ul> <p>Accordingly, the law enforcement authorities may order any person who has knowledge about the functioning of the computer system and the measures to protect and preserve the computer data therein to provide, as is reasonable, the necessary information, to enable the undertaking of the search, seizure and examination.</p> <p>Law enforcement authorities may request for an extension of time to complete the examination of the computer data storage medium and to make a return thereon but in no case for a period longer than thirty (30) days from date of approval by the court.</p> <p><b>SEC. 15. Non-compliance.</b> – Failure to comply with the provisions of Chapter IV hereof specifically the orders from law enforcement authorities shall be punished as a violation of P. D. No. 1829 with imprisonment of <i>prision correccional</i> in its maximum period or a fine of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP100,000.00) or both, for each and every non-compliance with an order issued by law enforcement authorities</p>
<p><b>Article 20 – Real-time collection of traffic data</b></p> <p>1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to empower its competent authorities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a collect or record through the application of technical means on the territory of that Party, and</li> <li>b compel a service provider, within its existing technical capability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i to collect or record through the application of technical means on the territory of that Party; or</li> <li>ii to co-operate and assist the competent authorities in the collection or recording of, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>traffic data, in real-time, associated with specified communications in its territory transmitted by means of a computer system.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>SEC. 11. Real-time collection of traffic data.</b> – Law enforcement authorities shall be authorized to collect or record by technical or electronic means, and/or to require cooperation from a service provider in the collection or recording of, traffic data, in real-time, associated with specified communications transmitted by means of a computer system by issuing a collection order.</p> <p><b>SEC. 15. Non-compliance.</b> – Failure to comply with the provisions of Chapter IV hereof specifically the orders from law enforcement authorities shall be punished as a violation of P. D. No. 1829 with imprisonment of <i>prision correccional</i> in its maximum period or a fine of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP100,000.00) or both, for each and every non-compliance with an order issued by law enforcement authorities</p>

2 Where a Party, due to the established principles of its domestic legal system, cannot adopt the measures referred to in paragraph 1.a, it may instead adopt legislative and other measures as may be necessary to ensure the real-time collection or recording of traffic data associated with specified communications transmitted in its territory, through the application of technical means on that territory.

3 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to oblige a service provider to keep confidential the fact of the execution of any power provided for in this article and any information relating to it.

4 The powers and procedures referred to in this article shall be subject to Articles 14 and 15.

**Article 21 – Interception of content data**

1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary, in relation to a range of serious offences to be determined by domestic law, to empower its competent authorities to:

a collect or record through the application of technical means on the territory of that Party, and

b compel a service provider, within its existing technical capability:

    i to collect or record through the application of technical means on the territory of that Party, or

    ii to co-operate and assist the competent authorities in the collection or recording of, content data, in real-time, of specified communications in its territory transmitted by means of a computer system.

2 Where a Party, due to the established principles of its domestic legal system, cannot adopt the measures referred to in paragraph 1.a, it may instead adopt legislative and other measures as may be necessary to ensure the real-time collection or recording of content data on specified communications in its territory through the application of technical means on that territory.

3 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to oblige a service provider to keep confidential the fact of the execution of any power provided for in this article and any information relating to it.

4 The powers and procedures referred to in this article shall be subject to

**SEC. 12. Interception of content data.** – Law enforcement authorities shall be authorized to collect or record content data upon securing a court order.

**SEC. 15. Non-compliance.** – Failure to comply with the provisions of Chapter IV hereof specifically the orders from law enforcement authorities shall be punished as a violation of P. D. No. 1829 with imprisonment of *prision correccional* in its maximum period or a fine of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP100,000.00) or both, for each and every non-compliance with an order issued by law enforcement authorities

Articles 14 and 15.

**Section 3 – Jurisdiction**

**Article 22 – Jurisdiction**

1 Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish jurisdiction over any offence established in accordance with Articles 2 through 11 of this Convention, when the offence is committed:

- a in its territory; or
- b on board a ship flying the flag of that Party; or
- c on board an aircraft registered under the laws of that Party; or
- d by one of its nationals, if the offence is punishable under criminal law

where it was committed or if the offence is committed outside the territorial jurisdiction of any State.

2 Each Party may reserve the right not to apply or to apply only in specific cases or conditions the jurisdiction rules laid down in paragraphs 1.b through 1.d of this article or any part thereof.

3 Each Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to establish jurisdiction over the offences referred to in Article 24, paragraph 1, of this Convention, in cases where an alleged offender is present in its territory and it does not extradite him or her to another Party, solely on the basis of his or her nationality, after a request for extradition.

4 This Convention does not exclude any criminal jurisdiction exercised by a Party in accordance with its domestic law.

When more than one Party claims jurisdiction over an alleged offence established in accordance with this Convention, the Parties involved shall, where appropriate, consult with a view to determining the most appropriate jurisdiction for prosecution.

**SEC.15. Jurisdiction.** -- The Regional Trial Court shall have jurisdiction over any violation of the provisions of this Act including any violation committed by a Filipino national regardless of the place of commission. Jurisdiction shall lie if any of the elements was committed within the Philippines or committed with the use of any computer system wholly or partly situated in the country, or when by such commission any damage is caused to a natural or juridical person who, at the time the offense was committed, was in the Philippines.

**Chapter III – International co-operation**

**Article 24 – Extradition**

1 a This article applies to extradition between Parties for the criminal offences established in accordance with Articles 2 through 11 of this Convention, provided that they are punishable under the laws of both Parties concerned by deprivation



of liberty for a maximum period of at least one year, or by a more severe penalty.

b Where a different minimum penalty is to be applied under an arrangement agreed on the basis of uniform or reciprocal legislation or an extradition treaty, including the European Convention on Extradition (ETS No. 24), applicable between two or more parties, the minimum penalty provided for under such arrangement or treaty shall apply.

2 The criminal offences described in paragraph 1 of this article shall be deemed to be included as extraditable offences in any extradition treaty existing between or among the Parties. The Parties undertake to include such offences as extraditable offences in any extradition treaty to be concluded between or among them.

3 If a Party that makes extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty receives a request for extradition from another Party with which it does not have an extradition treaty, it may consider this Convention as the legal basis for extradition with respect to any criminal offence referred to in paragraph 1 of this article.

4 Parties that do not make extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty shall recognise the criminal offences referred to in paragraph 1 of this article as extraditable offences between themselves.

5 Extradition shall be subject to the conditions provided for by the law of the requested Party or by applicable extradition treaties, including the grounds on which the requested Party may refuse extradition.

6 If extradition for a criminal offence referred to in paragraph 1 of this article is refused solely on the basis of the nationality of the person sought, or because the requested Party deems that it has jurisdiction over the offence, the requested Party shall submit the case at the request of the requesting Party to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution and shall report the final outcome to the requesting Party in due course. Those authorities shall take their decision and conduct their investigations and proceedings in the same manner as for any other offence of a comparable nature under the law of that Party.

7 a Each Party shall, at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, communicate to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe the name and address of each authority responsible for making or receiving requests for extradition or provisional arrest in the absence of a treaty.

<p>b The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall set up and keep updated a register of authorities so designated by the Parties. Each Party shall ensure</p>	
<p><b>Article 25 – General principles relating to mutual assistance</b></p> <p>1 The Parties shall afford one another mutual assistance to the widest extent possible for the purpose of investigations or proceedings concerning criminal offences related to computer systems and data, or for the collection of evidence in electronic form of a criminal offence.</p> <p>2 Each Party shall also adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to carry out the obligations set forth in Articles 27 through 35.</p> <p>3 Each Party may, in urgent circumstances, make requests for mutual assistance or communications related thereto by expedited means of communication, including fax or e-mail, to the extent that such means provide appropriate levels of security and authentication (including the use of encryption, where necessary), with formal confirmation to follow, where required by the requested Party. The requested Party shall accept and respond to the request by any such expedited means of communication.</p> <p>4 Except as otherwise specifically provided in articles in this chapter, mutual assistance shall be subject to the conditions provided for by the law of the requested Party or by applicable mutual assistance treaties, including the grounds on which the requested Party may refuse co-operation. The requested Party shall not exercise the right to refuse mutual assistance in relation to the offences referred to in Articles 2 through 11 solely on the ground that the request concerns an offence which it considers a fiscal offence.</p> <p>5 Where, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the requested Party is permitted to make mutual assistance conditional upon the existence of dual criminality, that condition shall be deemed fulfilled, irrespective of whether its laws place the offence within the same category of offence or denominate the offence by the same terminology as the requesting Party, if the conduct underlying the</p>	<p><b>SEC. 17. Mutual Assistance and Cooperation.</b> – The Government of the Philippines shall cooperate with, and render assistance to other nations for purposes of detection, investigation, and prosecution of offenses referred to in this Act and in the collection of evidence in electronic form in relation thereto. The principles contained in Presidential Decree No. 1069, otherwise known as the Philippine Extradition Law and other pertinent laws shall apply.</p> <p>In this regard, the Government of the Philippines shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide assistance to a requesting nation in the real-time collection of traffic data associated with specified communications in the Philippine territory transmitted by means of a computer system, with respect to criminal offenses defined in this law for which real-time collection of traffic data would be available;</li> <li>2. Provide assistance to a requesting nation in the real-time collection, recording or interception of content data of specified communications transmitted by means of a computer system;</li> <li>3. Allow another state, without its authorization to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f. access publicly available stored computer data, located in the territory, or elsewhere; or</li> <li>g. access or receive, through a computer system located in the territory, stored computer data located in another country, if the nation obtains the lawful and voluntary consent of the person who has the lawful authority to disclose the data to the nation through that computer system;</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Entertain a request of another nation for it to order or obtain the expeditious preservation of data stored by means of a computer system,</li> </ol>

offence for which assistance is sought is a criminal offence under its laws.

located within the territory, relative to which the requesting nation intends to submit a request for mutual assistance for the search or similar access, seizure or similar securing, or disclosure of the stored computer data.

- a. A request for preservation of data under this Section shall specify:
  2. the authority seeking the preservation;
  3. the offense that is the subject of a criminal investigation or proceedings and a brief summary of the related facts;
  4. the stored computer data to be preserved and its relationship to the offense;
  5. the necessity of the preservation; and
  6. that the requesting nation intends to submit a request for mutual assistance for the search or similar access, seizure or similar securing, or disclosure of the stored computer data.
- b. Upon receiving the request from another nation, the Government of the Philippines shall take all appropriate measures to preserve expeditiously the specified data in accordance with this law and other pertinent laws. For the purposes of responding to a request, dual criminality shall not be required as a condition to providing such preservation.
- c. A request for preservation may only be refused if:
  - i. the request concerns an offense which the Government of the Philippines considers as a political offense or an offense connected with a political offense; or
  - ii. the Government of the Philippines considers the execution of the request will prejudice its sovereignty, security, public order or other national interest.
- d. Where the Government of the Philippines believes that preservation will not ensure the future availability of the data, or will threaten the confidentiality of, or otherwise prejudice the requesting nation's investigation, it shall

	<p>promptly so inform the requesting nation. The requesting nation will determine whether its request should be executed.</p> <p>e. Any preservation effected in response to the request referred to in paragraph 1 shall be for a period not less than sixty days, in order to enable the requesting nation to submit a request for the search or similar access, seizure or similar securing, or disclosure of the data. Following the receipt of such a request the data shall continue to be preserved pending a decision on that request.</p> <p>5. Accommodate request from another nation to search, access, seize, secure, or disclose data stored by means of a computer system located within Philippine territory, including data that has been preserved under the previous subsection. The Government of the Philippines shall respond to the request through the proper application of international instruments, arrangements and laws.</p> <p>a. The request shall be responded to on an expedited basis where:</p> <p>A. there are grounds to believe that relevant data is particularly vulnerable to loss or modification; or</p> <p>B. the instruments, arrangements and laws referred to in number 2 of this Section otherwise provide for expedited co-operation.</p> <p>b. The requesting nation must maintain the confidentiality of the fact or the subject of request for assistance and cooperation. It may only use the request information subject to the conditions specified in the grant.</p>
<p><b>Article 26 – Spontaneous information</b></p> <p>1 A Party may, within the limits of its domestic law and without prior request, forward to another Party information obtained within the framework of its own investigations when it considers that the disclosure of such information might assist the receiving Party in initiating or carrying out investigations or proceedings concerning criminal offences established in accordance with this Convention or</p>	<p><b>SEC. 21. Spontaneous information.</b> – Information obtained within the framework of investigation and enforcement may be forwarded to another nation without prior request when the disclosure of such information might assist in initiating or carrying out investigations or proceedings concerning criminal offenses punishable in the Convention or might lead to a request for cooperation.</p>

might lead to a request for co-operation by that Party under this chapter.

2 Prior to providing such information, the providing Party may request that it be kept confidential or only used subject to conditions. If the receiving Party cannot comply with such request, it shall notify the providing Party, which shall then determine whether the information should nevertheless be provided. If the receiving Party accepts the information subject to the conditions, it shall be bound by them.

**Article 27 – Procedures pertaining to mutual assistance requests in the absence of applicable international agreements**

1 Where there is no mutual assistance treaty or arrangement on the basis of uniform or reciprocal legislation in force between the requesting and requested Parties, the provisions of paragraphs 2 through 9 of this article shall apply. The provisions of this article shall not apply where such treaty, arrangement or legislation exists, unless the Parties concerned agree to apply any or all of the remainder of this article in lieu thereof.

2 a Each Party shall designate a central authority or authorities responsible for sending and answering requests for mutual assistance, the execution of such requests or their transmission to the authorities competent for their execution.

b The central authorities shall communicate directly with each other;

c Each Party shall, at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, communicate to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe the names and addresses of the authorities designated in pursuance of this paragraph;

d The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall set up and keep updated a register of central authorities designated by the Parties. Each Party shall ensure that the details held on the register are correct at all times.

3 Mutual assistance requests under this article shall be executed in accordance with the procedures specified by the requesting Party, except where incompatible with the law of the requested Party.

4 The requested Party may, in addition to the grounds for refusal established in Article 25, paragraph 4, refuse assistance if:

a the request concerns an offence which the requested Party considers a political offence or an offence connected with a political offence, or

**SEC. 18. General principles relating to international cooperation.** – All relevant international instruments on international cooperation in criminal matters, arrangements agreed on the basis of uniform or reciprocal legislation, and domestic laws, to the widest extent possible for the purposes of investigations or proceedings concerning criminal offenses related to computer systems and data, or for the collection of evidence in electronic form of a criminal offense shall be given full force and effect.

**SEC. 19. Applicability of the Convention on Cybercrime.** – The provisions of Chapter III of the Convention on Cybercrime shall be directly applicable in the implementation of this Act as it relates to international cooperation taking into account the procedural laws obtaining in the jurisdiction.

**SEC. 20. Cooperation based on reciprocity.** – In the absence of a treaty or agreement, mutual assistance and cooperation under the preceding sections in this Chapter shall be based on the principle of reciprocity.

b it considers that execution of the request is likely to prejudice its sovereignty, security, *ordre public* or other essential interests.

5 The requested Party may postpone action on a request if such action would prejudice criminal investigations or proceedings conducted by its authorities.

6 Before refusing or postponing assistance, the requested Party shall, where appropriate after having consulted with the requesting Party, consider whether the request may be granted partially or subject to such conditions as it deems necessary.

7 The requested Party shall promptly inform the requesting Party of the outcome of the execution of a request for assistance. Reasons shall be given for any refusal or postponement of the request. The requested Party shall also inform the requesting Party of any reasons that render impossible the execution of the request or are likely to delay it significantly.

8 The requesting Party may request that the requested Party keep confidential the fact of any request made under this chapter as well as its subject, except to the extent necessary for its execution. If the requested Party cannot comply with the request for confidentiality, it shall promptly inform the requesting Party, which shall then determine whether the request should nevertheless be executed.

9 a In the event of urgency, requests for mutual assistance or communications related thereto may be sent directly by judicial authorities of the requesting Party to such authorities of the requested Party. In any such cases, a copy shall be sent at the same time to the central authority of the requested Party through the central authority of the requesting Party.

b Any request or communication under this paragraph may be made through the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol).

c Where a request is made pursuant to sub-paragraph a. of this article and the authority is not competent to deal with the request, it shall refer the request to the competent national authority and inform directly the requesting Party that it has done so.

d Requests or communications made under this paragraph that do not involve coercive action may be directly transmitted by the competent authorities of the requesting Party to the competent authorities of the requested Party.

e Each Party may, at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, inform the Secretary General of

the Council of Europe that, for reasons of efficiency, requests made under this paragraph are to be addressed to its central authority.

**Article 28 – Confidentiality and limitation on use**

1 When there is no mutual assistance treaty or arrangement on the basis of uniform or reciprocal legislation in force between the requesting and the requested Parties, the provisions of this article shall apply. The provisions of this article shall not apply where such treaty, arrangement or legislation exists, unless the Parties concerned agree to apply any or all of the remainder of this article in lieu thereof.

2 The requested Party may make the supply of information or material in response to a request dependent on the condition that it is:

- a kept confidential where the request for mutual legal assistance could not be complied with in the absence of such condition, or
- b not used for investigations or proceedings other than those stated in the request.

3 If the requesting Party cannot comply with a condition referred to in paragraph 2, it shall promptly inform the other Party, which shall then determine whether the information should nevertheless be provided. When the requesting Party accepts the condition, it shall be bound by it.

4 Any Party that supplies information or material subject to a condition referred to in paragraph 2 may require the other Party to explain, in relation to that condition, the use made of such information or material.

**Article 29 – Expedited preservation of stored computer data**

1 A Party may request another Party to order or otherwise obtain the expeditious preservation of data stored by means of a computer system, located within the territory of that other Party and in respect of which the requesting Party intends to submit a request for mutual assistance for the search or similar access, seizure or similar securing, or disclosure of the data.

2 A request for preservation made under paragraph 1 shall specify:

- a the authority seeking the preservation;
- b the offence that is the subject of a criminal investigation or proceedings and a brief summary of the related facts;
- c the stored computer data to be preserved and its relationship to the

offence;

d any available information identifying the custodian of the stored computer data or the location of the computer system;

e the necessity of the preservation; and

f that the Party intends to submit a request for mutual assistance for the search or similar access, seizure or similar securing, or disclosure of the stored computer data.

3 Upon receiving the request from another Party, the requested Party shall take all appropriate measures to preserve expeditiously the specified data in accordance with its domestic law. For the purposes of responding to a request, dual criminality shall not be required as a condition to providing such preservation.

4 A Party that requires dual criminality as a condition for responding to a request for mutual assistance for the search or similar access, seizure or similar securing, or disclosure of stored data may, in respect of offences other than those established in accordance with Articles 2 through 11 of this Convention, reserve the right to refuse the request for preservation under this article in cases where it has reasons to believe that at the time of disclosure the condition of dual criminality cannot be fulfilled.

5 In addition, a request for preservation may only be refused if:

a the request concerns an offence which the requested Party considers a political offence or an offence connected with a political offence, or

b the requested Party considers that execution of the request is likely to prejudice its sovereignty, security, *ordre public* or other essential interests.

6 Where the requested Party believes that preservation will not ensure the future availability of the data or will threaten the confidentiality of or otherwise prejudice the requesting Party's investigation, it shall promptly so inform the requesting Party, which shall then determine whether the request should nevertheless be executed.

4 Any preservation effected in response to the request referred to in paragraph 1 shall be for a period not less than sixty days, in order to enable the requesting Party to submit a request for the search or similar access, seizure or similar securing, or disclosure of the data. Following the receipt of such a request, the data shall continue to be preserved pending a decision on that request.



<p><b>Article 30 – Expedited disclosure of preserved traffic data</b></p> <p>1 Where, in the course of the execution of a request made pursuant to Article 29 to preserve traffic data concerning a specific communication, the requested Party discovers that a service provider in another State was involved in the transmission of the communication, the requested Party shall expeditiously disclose to the requesting Party a sufficient amount of traffic data to identify that service provider and the path through which the communication was transmitted.</p> <p>2 Disclosure of traffic data under paragraph 1 may only be withheld if:</p> <p>a the request concerns an offence which the requested Party considers a political offence or an offence connected with a political offence; or</p> <p>b the requested Party considers that execution of the request is likely to prejudice its sovereignty, security, <i>ordre public</i> or other essential interests.</p>	
<p><b>Article 31 – Mutual assistance regarding accessing of stored computer data</b></p> <p>1 A Party may request another Party to search or similarly access, seize or similarly secure, and disclose data stored by means of a computer system located within the territory of the requested Party, including data that has been preserved pursuant to Article 29.</p> <p>2 The requested Party shall respond to the request through the application of international instruments, arrangements and laws referred to in Article 23, and in accordance with other relevant provisions of this chapter.</p> <p>3 The request shall be responded to on an expedited basis where:</p> <p>a there are grounds to believe that relevant data is particularly vulnerable to loss or modification; or</p> <p>b the instruments, arrangements and laws referred to in paragraph 2 otherwise provide for expedited co-operation.</p>	
<p><b>Article 32 – Trans-border access to stored computer data with consent or where publicly available</b></p> <p>A Party may, without the authorisation of another Party:</p> <p>a access publicly available (open source) stored computer data, regardless of where the data is located geographically; or</p> <p>b access or receive, through a computer system in its territory, stored computer data located in another Party, if the Party obtains the lawful and</p>	

<p>voluntary consent of the person who has the lawful authority to disclose the data to the Party through that computer system.</p>	
<p><b>Article 33 – Mutual assistance in the real-time collection of traffic data</b>  1 The Parties shall provide mutual assistance to each other in the real-time collection of traffic data associated with specified communications in their territory transmitted by means of a computer system. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 2, this assistance shall be governed by the conditions and procedures provided for under domestic law.  2 Each Party shall provide such assistance at least with respect to criminal offences for which real-time collection of traffic data would be available in a similar domestic case.</p>	
<p><b>Article 34 – Mutual assistance regarding the interception of content data</b>  The Parties shall provide mutual assistance to each other in the real-time collection or recording of content data of specified communications transmitted by means of a computer system to the extent permitted under their applicable treaties and domestic laws.</p>	
<p><b>Article 35 – 24/7 Network</b>  1 Each Party shall designate a point of contact available on a twenty-four hour, seven-day-a-week basis, in order to ensure the provision of immediate assistance for the purpose of investigations or proceedings concerning criminal offences related to computer systems and data, or for the collection of evidence in electronic form of a criminal offence. Such assistance shall include facilitating, or, if permitted by its domestic law and practice, directly carrying out the following measures:  a the provision of technical advice;  b the preservation of data pursuant to Articles 29 and 30;  c the collection of evidence, the provision of legal information, and locating of suspects.  2 a A Party's point of contact shall have the capacity to carry out communications with the point of contact of another Party on an expedited basis.  b If the point of contact designated by a Party is not part of that Party's</p>	<p><b>SEC. 24. Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center; Powers and Functions.</b> – There is hereby created, within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, a Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center, hereinafter referred to as CICC, which shall have the following powers and functions:  d. To designated a point of contact available on a twenty-four hour, seven-day-a-week basis;</p>

authority or authorities responsible for international mutual assistance or extradition, the point of contact shall ensure that it is able to co-ordinate with such authority or authorities on an expedited basis.

3 Each Party shall ensure that trained and equipped personnel are available, in order to facilitate the operation of the network.

**Article 42 – Reservations**

By a written notification addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, any State may, at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, declare that it avails itself of the reservation(s) provided for in Article 4, paragraph 2, Article 6, paragraph 3, Article 9, paragraph 4, Article 10, paragraph 3, Article 11, paragraph 3, Article 14, paragraph 3, Article 22, paragraph 2, Article 29, paragraph 4, and Article 41, paragraph 1. No other reservation may be made.