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Chapter I – Use of terms	
<p>Article 1 – “Computer system”, “computer data”, “service provider”, “traffic data”:</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>Cybercrime Act (2018)</p> <p>Part I. Preliminary</p> <p>Section 2 (Interpretation)</p> <p>“computer system” –</p> <p>(a) means a device or group of interconnected or related devices, which follows a computer programme or external instruction to perform automatic processing of computer data; and</p> <p>(b) includes, but is not limited to, a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a netbook computer, a tablet computer, a video game console, internet connected devices, a smart phone, a personal digital assistant, a smart television or a video camera;</p> <p>“electronic data”-</p> <p>(a) means any digital representation of-</p> <p>(i) facts;</p> <p>(ii) concepts;</p> <p>(iii) machine-readable code or instructions; or</p> <p>(iv) information, including text, audio, image or video, that is in a form suitable for processing in a computer system and is capable of being sent, received or stored; and</p> <p>(b) includes traffic data or a computer programme;</p> <p>“service provider” means-</p> <p>(a) any public or private entity that provides to users of its service the ability to communicate by means of a computer system; or</p> <p>(b) any public or private entity that processes or stores electronic data on behalf of such communication service or users of such service;</p> <p>“traffic data” means computer data that-</p> <p>(a) relates to a communication by means of a computer system;</p> <p>(b) is generated by a computer system that is part of a chain of communication; and</p> <p>(c) shows the communication’s origin, destination, route, time, date, size,</p>

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<p>Article 3 – Illegal interception 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>Cybercrime Act (2018)</p> <p>Part II. Criminal offences Section 4 (Illegal interception) (1) A person commits an offence if the person intentionally and without lawful excuse or justification, intercepts – (a) the transmission of electronic data or any communication of another person to, from or within a computer system; or (b) any electromagnetic emission carrying electronic data from a computer system. (2) A person does not commit an offence under subsection (1) if – (a) the transmission is for use of the general public; (b) the person is a party to the transmission, or one of the parties to the transmission has provided consent to such interpretation; (c) the person is acting on behalf of a service provider and the interception either is necessary to provide the service, or to protect the rights and property of the service provider or its customers, consistent with the service provider’s terms of reference; (d) the transmission is intercepted in obedience to a warrant issued by a Judge under section 6 of the Interception Communications Act (e) the transmission is intercepted under the Interception of</p>

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	<p>Communications Act on the authority of a designated officer in the case of a national emergency or in responding to a case where approval for a warrant is impracticable having regard to urgency of the case;</p> <p>(f) for a lawful security purpose, the person intercepts a transmission that constitutes unauthorized access, or access in excess of authorization, from a computer system owned by the person, or with the authorization of the owner.</p> <p>(3) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is liable—</p> <p>(a) on summary conviction to a fine of five million dollars and to imprisonment for three years; or</p> <p>(b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of eight million dollars and to imprisonment for five years.</p>
<p>Article 4 – Data interference</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><u>Cybercrime Act (2018)</u></p> <p>Part II. Criminal offences</p> <p>Section 5 (Illegal data interference)</p> <p>(1) A person commits an offence if the person intentionally and without lawful excuse or justification—</p> <p>(a) causes electronic data of another person to deteriorate;</p> <p>(b) deletes electronic data of another person;</p> <p>(c) alters or modifies electronic data of another person;</p> <p>(d) copies or moves electronic data of another person to a different location within a computer system or to any electronic data storage medium;</p> <p>(e) renders electronic data of another person meaningless, useless or ineffective;</p> <p>(f) obstructs, interrupts or interferes with another person’s lawful use of electronic data; or</p> <p>(g) denies access to electronic data to a person who is authorised to access it.</p> <p>(2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1), is liable—</p> <p>(a) on summary conviction to a fine of three million dollars and to imprisonment for three years; or</p> <p>(b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of eight million dollars and to imprisonment for five years.</p>

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<p>Article 5 – System interference</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 serious hindering without right of the functioning of a computer system by inputting, transmitting, damaging, deleting, deteriorating, altering or suppressing computer data</p>	<p><u>Cybercrime Act (2018)</u></p> <p>Part II. Criminal offences Section 7 (Illegal system interference)</p> <p>(1) A person commits an offence if the person intentionally and without lawful excuse or justification, hinders or interferes with –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a computer system of another person; or (b) another person’s lawful use or operation of a computer system. <p>(2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is liable –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) on summary conviction to a fine of three million dollars and imprisonment for three years; or (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of eight million dollars and imprisonment for five years. <p>(3) For the purposes of this section “hinder” includes–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) disconnecting the electricity supply to a computer system; (b) causing electromagnetic interference to a computer system; (c) corrupting a computer system; or (d) damaging, deleting, deteriorating, altering or suppressing computer programme.
<p>Article 6 – Misuse of devices</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 and without right:</p> <p>a the production, sale, procurement for use, import, distribution or otherwise making available of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 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>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><u>Cybercrime Act (2018)</u></p> <p>Part II. Criminal offences Section 8 (Illegal devices)</p> <p>(1) A person commits an offence if the person intentionally and without lawful excuse or justification, possesses, procures for use, produces, sells, imports, exports, distributes, discloses or otherwise makes available –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a device or a computer programme, that is designed or adapted; or (b) a computer password, access code, encryption code or similar data by which the whole or any part of a computer system, electronic data storage medium or electronic data is capable of being accessed, <p>for the purpose of committing an offence under this Act or any other law.</p> <p>(2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is liable –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) on summary conviction to a fine of three million dollars and to imprisonment for three years; or (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of eight million dollars and to imprisonment for five years.

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<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>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>	
Title 2 – Computer-related offences	
<p>Article 7 – Computer-related forgery 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>Cybercrime Act (2018)</p> <p>Part II. Criminal offences Section 10 (Computer-related forgery) A person who inputs, alters, deletes or suppresses electronic data, resulting in inauthentic data, with the intent that it be considered or acted upon by another person as if it were authentic, regardless of whether or not the data is directly readable and intelligible, commits an offence and is liable–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) on summary conviction to a fine of three million dollars and to imprisonment for three years; or (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of five million dollars and to imprisonment for five years.
<p>Article 8 – Computer-related fraud 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a any input, alteration, deletion or suppression of computer data; b any interference with the functioning of a computer system, 	<p>Cybercrime Act (2018)</p> <p>Part II. Criminal offences Section 11 (Computer-related fraud) (1) A person commits an offence if the person –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) inputs, alters, deletes or suppresses computer data; or (b) interferes with the functioning of a computer system, with the intent to defraud or deceive another person for the purpose of procuring an economic benefit for himself or another person. <p>(2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is liable–</p>

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with fraudulent or dishonest intent of procuring, without right, an economic benefit for oneself or for another person.	(a) on summary conviction to a fine of five million dollars and to imprisonment for five years; or (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of ten million dollars and imprisonment for ten years.
Title 3 – Content-related offences	
<p>Article 9 – Offences related to child pornography</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 and without right, the following conduct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a producing child pornography for the purpose of its distribution through a computer system; b offering or making available child pornography through a computer system; c distributing or transmitting child pornography through a computer system; d procuring child pornography through a computer system for oneself or for another person; e possessing child pornography in a computer system or on a computer-data storage medium. <p>2 For the purpose of paragraph 1 above, the term “child pornography” shall include pornographic material that visually depicts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>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><u>Cybercrime Act (2018)</u></p> <p>Part II. Criminal offences Section 14 (Child pornography)</p> <p>(1) A person commits an offence if the person intentionally –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) produces child pornography with the use of a computer system; (b) offers or makes available, distributes or transmits child pornography through a computer system; (c) procures or obtains child pornography through a computer system for himself or another person; or (d) possesses child pornography in a computer system or on an electronic data storage medium. <p>(2) A person or a service provider who has knowledge of another person committing child pornography through a computer system shall report the commission of the child pornography to the Police.</p> <p>(3) A person or a service provider who fails to comply with subsection (2) commits an offence.</p> <p>(4) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1), or a person or a service provider who commits an offence under subsection (3), is liable –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) on summary conviction to a fine of ten million dollars and to imprisonment for five years; or (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of fifteen million dollars and to imprisonment for ten years.

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Title 4 – Offences related to infringements of copyright and related rights	
<p>Article 10 – Offences related to infringements of copyright and related rights</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 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Cybercrime Act (2018)</p> <p>Part II. Criminal offences Section 20 (Infringement of copyright, patents and designs and trademarks)</p> <p>A person who uses a computer system to infringe –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the rights of the copyright owner under the Copyright Act 1956 as applied to Guyana with certain exceptions and modifications to form part of the law of Guyana by the Copyright (British Guiana) Order, 1966; (b) the rights of the proprietor of the patent or the rights of the proprietor of a registered design under the Patents and Designs Act; or (c) the rights of the proprietor of a registered trade mark under the Trade Marks Act, <p>commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of three million dollars and imprisonment for three years.</p>
Title 5 – Ancillary liability and sanctions	
<p>Article 11 – Attempt and aiding or abetting</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, 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.</p>	<p>Cybercrime Act (2018)</p> <p>Part II. Criminal offences Section 22 (Attempt, aiding or abetting)</p> <p>A person who intentionally –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) advises, incites, attempts, aids, abets, counsels, procures or facilitates the commission of any offence under this Act; or

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<p>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.</p> <p>3 Each Party may reserve the right not to apply, in whole or in part, paragraph 2 of this article.</p>	<p>(b) conspires with another person to commit an offence under this Act, commits an offence and shall be punished for the offence as if he had committed the offence as a principal offender.</p>
<p>Article 12 – Corporate liability</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"> a a power of representation of the legal person; b an authority to take decisions on behalf of the legal person; c an authority to exercise control within the legal person. <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><u>Cybercrime Act (2018)</u></p> <p>Part II. Criminal offences</p> <p>Section 21 (Corporate liability)</p> <p>(1) Where a body corporate commits an offence under this Act, the body corporate is liable to the fine applicable in respect of the offence.</p> <p>(2) Where a body corporate commits an offence under this Act and the court is satisfied that a director, manager, secretary, or other similar officer, of that body corporate-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) consented or connived in the commission of the offence; or (b) failed to exercise due diligence to prevent the commission of the offence, <p>that director, manager, secretary, or other similar officer commits an offence.</p> <p>(3) A person who commits an offence under subsection (2) is liable -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) on summary conviction to a fine of five million dollars and to imprisonment for three years; and (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of eight million dollars and to imprisonment for five years.
<p>Article 13 – Sanctions and measures</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>	

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Section 2 – Procedural law	
<p>Article 14 – Scope of procedural provisions</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a the criminal offences established in accordance with Articles 2 through 11 of this Convention; b other criminal offences committed by means of a computer system; and c the collection of evidence in electronic form of a criminal offence. <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i is being operated for the benefit of a closed group of users, and ii does not employ public communications networks and is not connected with another computer system, whether public or private, <p>that Party may reserve the right not to apply these measures to such 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>Article 15 – Conditions and safeguards</p> <p>1 Each Party shall ensure that the establishment, implementation and application of the powers and procedures provided for in this Section are</p>	<p>Constitution of Guyana Amendment (2009)</p> <p>Part 2. Specific Rules, Title 1. Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Individual.</p>

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<p>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>Section 139 (Protection of right to personal liberty)</p> <p>1. No person shall be deprived of his or her personal liberty save a may be authorised by law in any off the following cases, that is to say-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in execution of the sentence or order of a court, whether established for Guyana or some other country, in respect of a criminal offence of which he or she has been convicted; (b) in execution of an order of the High Court of the Court of Appeal or such other court as may be prescribed by Parliament punishing him or her for contempt of any such court or of another court or tribunal; (c) in execution of the order of a court made to secure the fulfilment of an obligation imposed on him or her by law; (d) for the purpose of bringing him or her before a court in execution of the order of a court; (e) upon reasonable suspicion of his or her having committed, or being about to commit, a criminal offence under the law of Guyana; (j) to such extent as may be necessaru in the execution of a laful order requiring that person to remain within a specified area within Guyana or prohibiting him or her from being within such an area, or to such extent as my be reasonably justifiable for the taking of proceedings against that person with a view to the making of any such order after it has been made or to such extent as may be reasonbale justifiable for restraining that person during any visit that he or she is permitted to make to any part of Guyana in which, in consequence of any such order, his or her presence would otherwise be unlawful; (k) subject to the provisions of the next following paragraph, for the purposes of his or her preventive detention; <p>3. Any person who is arrested or detained shall be informed as soon as reasonably practicable, in a language that he or she understands, of the reasons for his or her arrest or detention and shall be permitted, at his or her own expense, to retain and instruct without delay a legal adviser of his or her choice, being a person entitle to practise in Guyana as an attorney-at-law, and to hold communication with him or her.</p> <p>4. Any person who is arrested or detained –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for the purpose of bringing him or her before a court in execution of the order of a court; or (b) upon reasonable suspicion of his or her having committed or being about to commit a criminal offence, <p>and who is not released, shall be brought before a court within seventy-two hours of arrest or detention, but the police may apply to the High Court for extensions of time</p>

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	<p>Section 142 (Protection from deprivation of property)</p> <p>1. No property of any description shall be compulsorily taken possession of, and no interest in or right over property of any description shall be compulsorily acquired, except by or under the authority of a written law and where provision applying to that taking of possession or acquisition is made by a written law requiring the prompt payment of adequate compensation.</p> <p>2. Nothing contained in or done under the authority of any law shall be held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of the preceding paragraphe –</p> <p>(a) to the extent that the law in question makes provision for the taking of possession or acquisition of any property –</p> <p>(ii) by way of penalty for breach of the law, whether under civil process or after conviction of a criminal offence under the law of Guyana;</p> <p>(iv) in the execution of judgments or orders of a court in proceedings for the determination of civil rights or obligations</p> <p>(vi) in consequence of any law with respect to the limitation of actions;</p> <p>(vii) for so long only as may be necessary for the purposes of any examination, investigation, trial or inquiry.</p> <p>Section 143 (Protection against arbitrary search or entry)</p> <p>1. Except with his or her own consent, no person shall be subjected to the search of his or her person or his or her property or the entry by others on his or her premises.</p> <p>Section 144 (Provisions to secure protection of law)</p> <p>1. If any person is charged with a criminal offence, then, unless the charge is withdrawn, the case shall be afforded a fair hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial court established by law.</p> <p>2. It shall be the duty of a court to ascertain the truth in every case provided that every person who is charged with a criminal offence –</p> <p>(a) shall be presumed to be innocent until he or she is proved or had pleaded guilty;</p> <p>(b) shall be informed as soon as reasonably practicable, in a language that he or she understand and in detail, of the nature of the offence charges;</p> <p>(c) shall be given adequate time and facilities for the preparation of hir or her defense;</p> <p>(d) shall be permitted to defend himself or herself before the court in person or by a legal representative of his or her own choice;</p>

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	<p>(e) shall be afforded facilities to examine in person or by his or her legal representative, the witnesses called by the prosecution before the court and to obtain the attendance and carry out the examination of witnesses to testify on his or her behalf before the court on the same conditions as those applying to witnesses called by the prosecution; and</p> <p>(f) shall be permitted to have without payment the assistance of an interpreter if he or she cannot understand the language used at the trial of the charge,</p> <p>Section 146 (Protection of freedom of expression)</p> <p>1. Except with his or her own consent, no person shall be hindered in the enjoyment of his or her freedom of expression, that is to say, freedom to hold opinions without interference, freedom to receive ideas and information without interference, freedom to communicate ideas and information without interference and freedom from interference with his or her correspondence.</p> <p><u>Interception of Communications Act (2008)</u></p> <p>Section 4 (Application for warrant for interception)</p> <p>(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, an authorised officer may apply ex parte to a Judge in Chambers for a warrant authorising the person named in the warrant -</p> <p>(a) to intercept and record in the course of their transmission by means of a public or private telecommunications system, such communications described in the warrant;</p> <p>and</p> <p>(b) to disclose the intercepted communication to such person and in the form and manner specified in the warrant.</p>
<p>Article 16 – Expedited preservation of stored computer data</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 control, the Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may</p>	<p><u>Cybercrime Act (2018)</u></p> <p>Part III. Enforcement</p> <p>Section 32 (Expedited preservation order)</p> <p>(1) A Judge, if satisfied on an ex parte application by a police officer of the rank of Superintendent or above that there are reasonable grounds to believe that electronic data or traffic data that is reasonably required for the purpose of a criminal investigation, under this Act or any other law, is vulnerable to loss or modification, may make an order requiring a person in possession or control of computer data or traffic data to preserve and maintain the integrity of the electronic data or traffic data for a period not exceeding ninety days.</p>

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<p>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>(2) A Judge, on an ex parte application by a police officer of the rank of Superintendent or above, may order an extension of the period referred to in subsection (1) by a further specified period of ninety days or more but not exceeding one year on a special case by case basis.</p>
<p>Article 17 – Expedited preservation and partial disclosure of traffic data</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><u>Cybercrime Act (2018)</u></p> <p>Part III. Enforcement Section 33 (Disclosure of traffic data order) A Judge, if satisfied on an ex parte application by a police officer of the rank of Superintendent or above that there are reasonable grounds to believe that traffic data stored in a computer system or an electronic data storage medium is reasonably required for the purpose of a criminal investigation, under this Act or any other law, into a communication, may make an order requiring a person to disclose sufficient traffic data about the communication to identify –</p> <p>(a) the service provider; or</p> <p>(b) the path,</p> <p>through which the communication was transmitted.</p>
<p>Article 18 – Production order</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>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><u>Cybercrime Act (2018)</u></p> <p>Part III. Enforcement Section 31 (Production order) A Judge, if satisfied on an ex parte application by a police officer of the rank of Superintendent or above that electronic data, traffic data, a printout or other information is reasonably required for the purpose of a criminal investigation or criminal proceedings under this Act or any other law, may order–</p> <p>(a) a person in Guyana who is in possession or control of a computer system or electronic data storage medium, to produce, from the computer</p>

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<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a the type of communication service used, the technical provisions taken thereto and the period of service; 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; c any other information on the site of the installation of communication equipment, available on the basis of the service agreement or arrangement. 	<p>system or electronic data storage medium, specified electronic data or a printout or other intelligible output of the electronic data; or</p> <p>(b) a service provider in Guyana to produce traffic data relating to information transmitted from a subscriber through a computer system or from other relevant persons, or subscriber information about a person who uses the service,</p> <p>and give it to a specified person within a specified period.</p>
<p>Article 19 – Search and seizure of stored computer data</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a a computer system or part of it and computer data stored therein; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b a computer-data storage medium in which computer data may be stored <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 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"> a seize or similarly secure a computer system or part of it or a computer-data storage medium; 	<p><u>Cybercrime Act (2018)</u></p> <p>Part III. Enforcement</p> <p>Section 28 (Search and seizure)</p> <p>(1) A Judge, if satisfied on an ex parte application by a police officer of the rank of Superintendent or above that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) an offence under this Act has been or is about to be committed in any place; and (b) evidence that such an offence has been or is about to be committed is in that place, <p>may issue a warrant authorising a police officer, with such assistance as may be necessary, to enter the place to search for and seize the evidence, including any computer system, electronic data storage medium or electronic data.</p> <p>(2) If a police officer who is undertaking a search under this section has reasonable grounds to believe that-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the electronic data sought is stored in another computer system or electronic data storage medium; or (b) part of the electronic data sought is in another place within Guyana, and such electronic data is lawfully accessible from or available to the first computer system or electronic data storage medium, the police officer may extend the search and seizure to that other computer system, electronic data storage medium or other place. <p>(3) In the execution of a warrant under this section, a police officer may, in addition to the powers conferred on him by the warrant-</p>

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<p>b make and retain a copy of those computer data;</p> <p>c maintain the integrity of the relevant stored computer data;</p> <p>d render inaccessible or remove those computer data in the accessed computer system.</p> <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>	<p>(a) activate an onsite computer system or electronic data storage medium;</p> <p>(b) inspect and check the operation of a computer system or electronic data storage medium;</p> <p>(c) make and retain a copy of electronic data;</p> <p>(d) remove electronic data from a computer system or render the computer system inaccessible;</p> <p>(e) take a printout of output of electronic data;</p> <p>(f) impound or similarly secure a computer system or part of it or an electronic data storage medium.</p> <p>(4) A police officer who undertakes a search under this section shall secure any computer system or electronic data storage medium and maintain the integrity of the electronic data that is seized.</p> <p>(5) The seizure of any evidence, including any computer system, electronic data storage medium or electronic data under this section shall be valid for a period of ninety days and may be extended for a further period of not more than one year by a Judge in Chambers.</p> <p>(6) When the seizure is no longer necessary, or upon its expiry date, any computer system, electronic data storage medium or electronic data seized shall be immediately returned to the person to whom the warrant was addressed.</p> <p>(7) Where a police officer in the execution of a warrant under this section decides to seize a computer system or an electronic data storage medium, the police officer may, on the request of the person who is in possession or control of the computer system or electronic data storage medium, permit the person to make a copy of electronic data of the description and in the manner set out in subsection (8) from the computer system or electronic data storage medium.</p> <p>(8) The electronic data shall –</p> <p>(a) to the satisfaction of the police officer be vital and of urgent need to the person before the expiry date referred to in subsection (6) and unrelated to the offence; and</p> <p>(b) be copied in the presence of the police officer onsite or at the place where the computer system is held in the custody of the police.</p> <p>(9) For the purposes of this section seizure does not include the computer system or electronic data storage medium of a service provider unless the service provider is intentionally using his computer system to commit an offence under the Act.</p> <p>Section 29 (Record of seized material)</p> <p>(1) If a computer system or an electronic data storage medium is seized or rendered inaccessible in the execution of a warrant under section 28, the person</p>

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	<p>who executed the warrant shall, at the time of the execution, or as soon as possible thereafter-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) make a list of what has been seized or rendered inaccessible, with the date and time of seizure; and (b) give a copy of that list to – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the person to whom the warrant is addressed; or (ii) the occupier of the premises on which the warrant is executed. <p>(2) A person, who immediately before the execution of a warrant, had possession or control of a computer system or an electronic data storage medium seized, may request a copy of electronic data from the police officer who executed the warrant, and the police officer shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable, comply with the request.</p> <p>(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a police officer who seizes a computer system or an electronic data storage medium may refuse to provide a copy of electronic data if he has reasonable grounds for believing that providing a copy would-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) constitute or facilitate the commission of a criminal offence; or (b) prejudice- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the investigation in relation to which the warrant was issued; (ii) another ongoing investigation; or (iii) any criminal proceedings that may be brought in relation to any investigation mentioned in subparagraph (i) or (ii). <p>Section 30 (Assistance)</p> <p>(1) A person who has knowledge about the functioning of a computer system or an electronic data storage medium, or security measures applied to protect electronic data, that is the subject of a search warrant shall, if requested by the police officer authorised to undertake the search, assist the police officer by –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) providing information that facilitates the undertaking of the search for and seizure of the computer system, electronic data storage medium or electronic data sought; (b) accessing and using the computer system or computer data storage medium to search computer data which is stored in, or lawfully accessible from or available to, that computer system or computer data storage medium; (c) obtaining and copying electronic data; or (d) obtaining an intelligible output from a computer system or an electronic data storage medium in such a format that is admissible for the purpose of legal proceedings. <p>(2) A person who fails, without lawful excuse or justification, to comply with subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of three million dollars and to imprisonment for one year.</p>

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<p>Article 20 – Real-time collection of traffic data</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"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, traffic data, in real-time, associated with specified communications in its territory transmitted by means of a computer system. <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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4 The powers and procedures referred to in this article shall be subject to Articles 14 and 15.</p>	<p><u>Interception of Communications Act (2008)</u></p> <p>Section 4 (Application for warrant for interception)</p> <p>(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, an authorised officer may apply ex parte to a Judge in Chambers for a warrant authorising the person named in the warrant -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to intercept and record in the course of their transmission by means of a public or private telecommunications system, such communications described in the warrant; and (b) to disclose the intercepted communication to such person and in the form and manner specified in the warrant.
<p>Article 21 – Interception of content data</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i to collect or record through the application of technical means on the territory of that Party, or 	<p><u>Interception of Communications Act (2008)</u></p> <p>Section 10 (Duties of persons providing assistance or telecommunications services)</p> <p>(1) Every person who provides a telecommunications service by means of a public or private telecommunications system shall take such steps as are necessary for securing that it is and remains practicable for directions to provide assistance in relation to interception warrant to be imposed and complied with.</p> <p>(2) Any person or entity directed to provide assistance by way of information, facilities or technical assistance under section 5 (3) shall promptly comply with that direction and in such a manner that the assistance is rendered -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) as unobtrusively; and

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<p>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.</p> <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 content data on specified communications in its territory through the application of technical means on that territory.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4 The powers and procedures referred to in this article shall be subject to Articles 14 and 15.</p>	<p>(b) with the minimum interference to the services that such person or entity normally provides to the party affected by the warrant. as can reasonably be expected in the circumstances.</p>
<p>Article 22 – Jurisdiction</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4 This Convention does not exclude any criminal jurisdiction exercised by a Party in accordance with its domestic law.</p>	<p><u>Cybercrime Act (2018)</u></p> <p>Part III. Enforcement Section 27 (Jurisdiction)</p> <p>(1) A court in Guyana shall have jurisdiction in respect of an offence under this Act where the act constituting the offence is carried out -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) wholly or partly in Guyana; (b) by any person, whether in Guyana or elsewhere; or (c) by a person on board a vessel or aircraft registered in Guyana. <p>(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), an act is carried out in Guyana if -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the person is in Guyana at the time when the act is committed; (b) the person is outside of Guyana at the time when the act is committed, but - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a computer system located in Guyana or electronic data on an electronic data storage medium located in Guyana is affected by, or contains information about, the act; or (ii) the transmission or effect of the act, or the damage resulting from the act, occurs, in whole or in part, within Guyana.

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<p>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.</p>	<p>(3) Subject to subsection (1), a Magistrate’s court has jurisdiction to hear and determine any offence under this Act, if –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the accused was within the magisterial district at the time when he committed the offence; (b) a computer system, containing any computer programme or electronic data which he accused used, was within the magisterial district at the time when the accused committed the offence; or (c) harm or damage occurred within the magisterial district, whether or not paragraph (a) or (b) applies.
<p>Article 24 – Extradition</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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> <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>Article 25 – General principles relating to mutual assistance</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</p>	<p><u>Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act (2009)</u></p> <p>Part 2. Requests by Guyana to Commonwealth countries for assistance Section 10 (Assistance in obtaining thing by search and seizure if necessary) Where there are reasonable grounds to believe that a thing is in a Commonwealth country and would, if produced, be relevant to any criminal matter, a request may be transmitted requesting the country to assist in obtaining that thing, by search and seizure if necessary.</p>

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<p>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 offence for which assistance is sought is a criminal offence under its laws.</p>	
<p>Article 26 – Spontaneous information</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 might lead to a request for co-operation by that Party under this chapter.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Article 27 – Procedures pertaining to mutual assistance requests in the absence of applicable international agreements</p>	

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<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b The central authorities shall communicate directly with each other;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4 The requested Party may, in addition to the grounds for refusal established in Article 25, paragraph 4, refuse assistance 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 it considers that execution of the request is likely to prejudice its sovereignty, security, <i>ordre public</i> or other essential interests.</p> <p>5 The requested Party may postpone action on a request if such action would prejudice criminal investigations or proceedings conducted by its authorities.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	

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<p>inform the requesting Party of any reasons that render impossible the execution of the request or are likely to delay it significantly.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b Any request or communication under this paragraph may be made through the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Article 28 – Confidentiality and limitation on use</p> <p>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.</p>	

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<p>2 The requested Party may make the supply of information or material in response to a request dependent on the condition that it is:</p> <p>a kept confidential where the request for mutual legal assistance could not be complied with in the absence of such condition, or</p> <p>b not used for investigations or proceedings other than those stated in the request.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Article 29 – Expedited preservation of stored computer data</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2 A request for preservation made under paragraph 1 shall specify:</p> <p>a the authority seeking the preservation;</p> <p>b the offence that is the subject of a criminal investigation or proceedings and a brief summary of the related facts;</p> <p>c the stored computer data to be preserved and its relationship to the offence;</p> <p>d any available information identifying the custodian of the stored computer data or the location of the computer system;</p> <p>e the necessity of the preservation; and</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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<p>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.</p> <p>5 In addition, a request for preservation may only be refused 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>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.</p> <p>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>	
<p>Article 30 – Expedited disclosure of preserved traffic data</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>	

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<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>Article 31 – Mutual assistance regarding accessing of stored computer data</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>Article 32 – Trans-border access to stored computer data with consent or where publicly available</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 voluntary consent of the person who has the lawful authority to disclose the data to the Party through that computer system.</p>	
<p>Article 33 – Mutual assistance in the real-time collection of traffic data</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>	

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<p>Article 34 – Mutual assistance regarding the interception of content data</p> <p>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>Article 35 – 24/7 Network</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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.</p> <p>b If the point of contact designated by a Party is not part of that Party’s 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.</p> <p>3 Each Party shall ensure that trained and equipped personnel are available, in order to facilitate the operation of the network.</p>	
<p>Article 42 – Reservations</p> <p>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,</p>	

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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.	