

APPENDIX 4

The United Nations Resolution of the General Assembly no. 55/63 'Combating the Criminal Misuse of Information Technologies'

(a) States should ensure that their laws and practice eliminate safe havens for those who criminally misuse information technologies;

(b) Law enforcement cooperation in the investigation and prosecution of international cases of criminal misuse of information technologies should be coordinated among all concerned States;

(c) Information should be exchanged between States regarding the problems that they face in combating the criminal misuse of information technologies;

(d) Law enforcement personnel should be trained and equipped to address the criminal misuse of information technologies;

(e) Legal systems should protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data and computer systems from unauthorized impairment and ensure that criminal abuse is penalized;

(f) Legal systems should permit the preservation of and quick access to electronic data pertaining to particular criminal investigations;

(g) Mutual assistance regimes should ensure the timely investigation of the criminal misuse of information technologies and the timely gathering and exchange of evidence in such cases;

(h) The general public should be made aware of the need to prevent and combat the criminal misuse of information technologies;

(i) To the extent practicable, information technologies should be designed to help to prevent and detect criminal misuse, trace criminals and collect evidence;

(j) The fight against the criminal misuse of information technologies requires the development of solutions taking into account both the protection of individual freedoms and privacy and the preservation of the capacity of Governments to fight such criminal misuse;

[the General Assembly]

2. *Invites* States to take into account the above-mentioned measures in their efforts to combat the criminal misuse of information technologies;

3. *Decides* to maintain the question of the criminal misuse of information technologies on the agenda of its fifty-sixth session, as part of the item entitled 'Crime prevention and criminal justice'.