

Ad Hoc Committee on Cybercrime (AHC)

The 7th AHC meeting took place from 29 January-9 February in New York, with ICC participating in person to advocate for a Convention that is responsive to business needs and concerns, furthers international cooperation, and respects human rights. As previously shared, ICC's input did not contain new positions but drew on previous documents to confirm existing positions. In advance of the meeting, ICC submitted written comments detailing outstanding business concerns with the revised treaty draft and reached out to national committees to carry out national-level advocacy with the countries negotiating the Convention through a letter campaign.

Over the course of the meetings, ICC held several bilaterals and coordinated private sector group meetings with key negotiating states, and worked closely with industry and civil society organizations to emphasize aligned positions, including sharing a <u>joint stakeholder</u> <u>letter</u> with the negotiators and the media. The stakeholder letter urged Member States to withhold support for the treaty, arguing its unclear scope, vague criminalisation provisions and intrusive cross-border data collection provisions, to name a few.

The meeting was <u>suspended</u> as UN member States did not reach a consensus and will reconvene at a later date under the same modalities. The next meeting is likely to take place either in early May or July (TBC), subject to availability of rooms and budget, aiming to finalise the work and present the draft of the Convention at the seventy-eighth UNGA session. There is also information circulating that an intersessional meeting will be held in April, in Vienna (TBC).