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Interpol National Central Reference Points for computer-related crime

Computer-related crime is gaining importance in our society: statistics indicate that there has been an enormous increase in the volume of such crime. The situation has given rise to considerable public concern because every computer user is a potential victim and the results can have extremely serious consequences, especially for commerce and industry where financial losses can be substantial. There is, therefore, a need to encourage the exchange of information within the framework of Interpol.

At the Interpol Cyber Crime Conference in Cairo in 2005 delegates requested in the conference resolution to encourage member countries to implement the Convention on Cyber Crime by the Council of Europe. At the General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro in 2006 it was also recommended that the Convention should be implemented by member countries. According to Article 35 of the Convention signature countries have to provide a 24/7 reference point with equipped and trained personnel.

To ensure that the information exchanged through the appropriate Interpol channels reaches the specialized police units with the least possible delay, a list of National Central Reference Points (NCRPs) for computer-related crime has been compiled. To date, 111 Contact Points have designated such National Central Reference Points. The list is given below.

The NCRPs are an essential prerequisite for the establishment of the early warning system. It is intended that messages will be forwarded via the appropriate National Central Bureaux. However, in order to minimize delays, the unit to be informed in each receiving country should always be specified in each message.



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