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Cybercrime: closer co-operation between law enforcement and internet service providers

Strasbourg, 05.03.2008 – What can be done to improve co-operation between law enforcement agencies and internet service providers so that the police and judiciary can combat internet-based crime more effectively? The Council of Europe will discuss guidelines for bringing private- and public-sector operators closer together at a conference on 1 and 2 April 2008 in Strasbourg.

Also on the agenda will be closer co-operation between the network of contact points established in States Parties to the [Council of Europe Convention on cybercrime](#) (under which points of contact are to be available 24/7) and the G8 High-Tech Crime Subgroup in order to facilitate international investigations and more immediate action.

The conference will bring together experts from all over the world, government and police officials and representatives of the private sector.

The only binding international treaty in this field, the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime (2004) has been ratified by 22 countries (including the United States) to date and is a source of inspiration for many others looking to amend their legislation, such as Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Nigeria and the Philippines. Costa Rica and Mexico have been invited to accede to the convention. Representatives of these countries will be among those attending the conference.

The Council of Europe would like as many countries as possible to accede to the convention and its [Additional Protocol concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems](#).

More information on the [conference](#) and the [Council of Europe's activities](#).

Note to Editors

- The conference will open on Tuesday 1 April at 9.30 am in the new Council of Europe building ("G" Building, 1 quai Jacoutot, Room G3).
- There will be some live coverage of the event on the website at <http://tv.coe.int/cgi-bin/apnet.cgi> and in the press room (2nd floor of the Palais de l'Europe).
- There will be opportunities for on-the-spot interviews.

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