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The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States and non-member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime; Strengthening International Cooperation for Combating Certain Crimes Committed by Means of Information and Communications Technology Systems and for the Sharing of Evidence in Electronic Form of Serious Crimes, adopted in New York on 24 December 2024. A certified true copy of the Convention can be found at the website of the United Nations Treaty Collection at [XVIII-16 CTC](#).

The Office of Legal Affairs has the honour to inform Permanent Missions that a special treaty event will be held on 25 April 2026 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, in the margins of the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, to provide States wishing to do so with an opportunity to sign the Convention and deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

It is noted that, consistent with the rules of international law and the practice of the Secretary-General as depositary of multilateral treaties, a Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs does not require full powers to execute a treaty action in person. Where a signature of a treaty deposited with the Secretary-General is to be undertaken by a person other than the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister of Foreign Affairs, duly executed full powers are necessary.

The Secretary-General's requirements for a valid instrument of full powers include the following:

- Title of the treaty;
- Full name and title of the person duly authorized to sign the treaty concerned;
- Date and place of signature; and
- Signature of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval by signatory States and instruments of accession by non-signatory States must also be issued and signed by one of the above three authorities and should include all declarations and reservations. Model instruments of full powers and ratification, acceptance, approval and accession are available online at: [https://treaties.un.org/Pages/Resource.aspx?path=Publication/ModelInstruments/Page1\\_en.xml](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/Resource.aspx?path=Publication/ModelInstruments/Page1_en.xml).

States wishing to sign the Convention or deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession at the special treaty event must notify the United Nations Treaty Section (email: [treatysection@un.org](mailto:treatysection@un.org); telephone: (212) 963-5047) of their intention to do so through their Permanent Mission in New York, and provide signed copies of full powers and instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession for verification by no later than **1 April 2026**.

The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States and non-member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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