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## **Topic: The Question of State Sponsored Cyber Terrorism**

*The Political Committee,*

*Acknowledging* the exponential growth in the number of individuals using the Internet, resulting in an increase from an estimated 16 million in 1995, to over 1 billion in 2010,

*Defines* cyber terrorism as the “politically motivated use of computers and information technology to cause severe disruption in society”,

*Defines* critical infrastructures as those whose physical or online systems are crucial to the operations of a nation’s economy and government,

*Recognizing* the risk of cyber attacks due to the dependence of critical infrastructure on technology,

*Alarmed* that state-sponsored cyber attacks have increased by 38% in 2015 compared to the previous year,

*Deeply concerned* by the twenty countries who have announced their objective to strengthen offensive cyber capabilities,

*Recalling* resolution 58/199, which calls for the creation of a global culture of cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures,

*Desiring* international cooperation amongst nations to increase awareness of the dangers of cyber terrorism and share strategies for defence programs,

*Aware* of a potential cyber arms race for an increase in cyber capabilities and the danger that follows it,

*Further alarmed* of a terrorist’s ability to have access to the systems which control a nation’s entire critical infrastructures.

1. **Urges** The formation of UNSUCT (United Nations Summit on Understanding Cyber Terrorism), to meet biannually in Geneva with roles of but not limited to:
  - a. Investigating and reporting on cases of International Cyber Terrorism,

- b. Forming a proposed treaty on the legalities of international cyber terrorism to be published within three years of this resolution passing,
  - c. Advising nations on how to prevent their institutions from being victims of International Cyber Terrorism,
  - d. Refers to countries who are strongly suspected of sponsoring cyber terrorism to the security council for economic sanctions,
  - e. Provide financial means to members unable to invest in protective technologies in order to prevent underdeveloped countries from becoming victims of cyber terrorism;
2. Strongly recommends the creation of a sub-department (named Office of Cybersecurity- OCS), of the OCT (Office of Country Terrorism) to specialise in countering cyber terrorism by,
- a. Establishing a team of specialists to locate all sources of terrorist sites that could later be used to find locations of terrorist parties or organizations,
  - b. Initiating a program serving to protect civilians and their personal information in companies' database by:
    - i. Informing companies annually of the dangers of cyber terrorism and the importance of protecting their clients,
    - ii. Providing work conference for company security teams on the protection of their clients' needs and personal information,
  - c. Encouraging government forces for government intelligence agencies to address the issue of cyber terrorism by:
    - i. Aiding civilians to understand the problem and to take preventative measures to protect themselves against it,
    - ii. Monitoring how the companies and third parties organizations utilize civilians' personal information;
3. Encourages all member states to strengthen their central government's cyber security by:
- a. Implementing national cyber-terror threat protocols, which would include how to combat cyber attacks as well as the necessary software needed for devices containing sensitive and confidential government information,
  - b. Establishing a more secure system for government employees, following Russia's example of using government encrypted networks which can only be accessed using certain IP addresses,
  - c. Training government officials in order to ensure the correct use of all public cyber security infrastructure,
  - d. A minimum standard level of security of confidential information, located at banks, government facilities, hospitals, etc. to prevent hacks into weak computing systems,
  - e. Introducing different levels of encryption for sensitive files;
4. Calls for the IMF to provide funding, the use of which is to be monitored by Transparency International Observers, to provide better protection against

cyber-attacks by covering possible failures with additional infrastructure such as but not limited to:

- a. Emergency generators in all strategically relevant buildings, for instance, hospitals, or government agencies,
- b. Storages of national important resources, for instance, oil, and nourishments which will be distributed by the government in case of emergency,
- c. Intranets which are in no way connected to the internet in all strategically and economically relevant agencies, organizations, and companies, for instance, military, state banks, or nuclear plants,
- d. Radio-based equipment for all strategically relevant agencies and organizations for instance, the police, military or train operators,
- e. Power plants which do not heavily rely on electronic steering systems, for instance, wind turbines, or solar power plants.