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A Policy Toolkit for Lawmakers that Presents Different Legislative Approaches from Different Countries CC-DRIVER

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The rise of cybercrime is a growing concern in today's digital age. The term 'cybercrime' refers to criminal activities that are committed using the Internet or other digital technologies. With the widespread use of the Internet and the increasing amount of sensitive information being stored online, cybercrime has become a major threat to individuals, businesses, and governments.

Cybercrime laws can often lag behind the rapid pace of technological advances and the changing nature of cyber threats. This can create challenges for law enforcement agencies, that may struggle to investigate and prosecute cyber criminals effectively.

One reason for this lag is that many traditional laws and legal frameworks were developed before the widespread use of the Internet and digital technologies. As a result, they may not fully account for the unique characteristics of cybercrime, such as the ability to commit crimes from anywhere in the world and the use of sophisticated hacking tools.

Another challenge is that cybercrime is a constantly evolving threat, with new techniques and tactics emerging all the time. This makes it difficult for legislators and law enforcement agencies to keep pace with the latest developments and update laws and regulations accordingly.

The CC-DRIVER project has created a cybercrime toolkit for lawmakers to help them with new legislation and concomitant issues. The toolkit's objective is to provide high level guidance for policymakers on how to assess their cybercrime policy framework relative to their peers, as well as to set minimum standards. For each element of the framework, it will determine the components which member states should implement at minimum as well as optional initiatives to optimize their efforts to reduce cybercrime. Importantly, the single elements of the framework do not work in isolation and recommendation need to build upon each other to offer a holistic approach. As each element is optimized in member states, not only is the entire cycle more effective, the implementation of a set of standards for which this toolkit advocates will ensure harmonization across the EU, thereby

increasing the effectiveness of individual efforts. The policy toolkit seeks to answer these questions with respect to each element:

- What is CC-DRIVER's recommended component for each element to reduce cybercrime?
- What are optional recommendations?"

The CC-DRIVER toolkit includes comprehensive information for lawmakers and any interested entity in these areas:

- **Definitions of cybercrime** Accepted definitions and terminology.
- **Checklist for Policymakers** Summary checklist based on the framework that policymakers can use to examine their regulatory frameworks at a glance.
- Strategy What are the cybersecurity strategies in different countries?
- Legislation How to create, revise and implement a legislative framework, standards or relevant general principles.
- **Engagement** How to create effective implementation of engagement tools.
- **Enforcement** How to translate good policy into good practice, examples of effective policy implementation.
- Assessment How to ensure the credibility of initiatives.

The cybercrime toolkit is a valuable resource for lawmakers who are working to develop laws and regulations to address cybercrime. The proposed toolkit is a collection of best practices, guidelines, and resources that can help lawmakers better understand the nature of cybercrime and develop effective strategies for preventing, investigating, and prosecuting these crimes.

If you are a policymaker, the toolkit can be found here:

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