

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 4 June 2021

Dear Ms Rodriguez Pereda,

I would like to thank you and the other signatories of your letter of 31 May regarding the consultations on the Second Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime.

Indeed, we hope that this Protocol – like the Budapest Convention – will become a global standard for co-operation and the disclosure of electronic evidence and that it may inspire other international initiatives such as those to which you refer in your letter.

Your contributions, along with those of other stakeholders, during several rounds of consultations have been invaluable in helping to shape the draft Protocol.

As the Protocol has been negotiated by the Parties to the Budapest Convention through the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), I have forwarded your letter to the T-CY.

However, given the urgent need for this instrument to counter cybercrime, the number of consultations already held, intensive efforts invested by Parties to the Budapest Convention over almost four years, and the onset of other relevant international initiatives, it is now important to bring the process to a conclusion. The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, at its Ministerial Session in Hamburg, Germany, on 21 May, also encouraged the early completion of the Protocol.

We look forward to further co-operation with you and other stakeholders to ensure that effective measures to protect victims and their rights against crime online are accompanied by strong safeguards to prevent their misuse.

Yours sincerely,


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