

[Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation and ICSPA join forces in international fight against cybercrime](#)

London, UK – 1st July 2013: Today, the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO) and the International Cyber Security Protection Alliance (ICSPA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together to strengthen the security of Cyberspace, primarily within the Commonwealth.

Under the MoU, the organisations will begin their work with Commonwealth countries by carrying out cybercrime and security Impact Assessments to help determine the true nature and scope of attacks against both private and public sector entities. Following this Assessment, a gap analysis - conducted across government departments and critical national infrastructures - will help build the business case by which governments can decide precisely how to implement their cyber resilience strategies – in what priority, at what cost and over what period of time.

Prof Tim Unwin, Secretary General of the CTO said “I am delighted that the CTO has entered into a MoU with ICSPA. Organisations such as ICPSA are central to our Cybersecurity agenda, considering the key role private sector plays generally in the field of ICTs. I am certain that this relationship will result in further strengthening public private partnerships which are so fundamental to our work on Cyberspace.”

John Lyons, ICSPA Chief Executive added “We are delighted to be joining forces with the CTO to provide the assistance of the business community to governments and law enforcement agencies that request our help. Many countries in the Commonwealth face significant challenges in the field of cyber crime and security. By combining the expertise, knowledge, skills and experience of the CTO and ICSPA’s Members, I believe that we are well placed to help Commonwealth nations realise the enormous advantages Cyberspace can bring to their economies, to their business communities and most importantly, to their citizens.”

Formed in 1901, the CTO is the oldest and largest Commonwealth organisation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), with over 40 Commonwealth countries and more than 100 other stakeholders, including the private sector, as members. Cybersecurity is one of the six focus areas of CTO’s work under its strategic plan for 2012-16, in view of the importance of safety, security and resilience of ICT channels, in order for ICTs to be leveraged for socio-economic development. By raising awareness, building capacity and facilitating multi-stakeholder partnerships, the CTO works with its stakeholder network spread across the Commonwealth and beyond, to create a Cyberspace where interaction, innovation and entrepreneurship thrives.

ICSPA is a not-for-profit, business-backed global Alliance with members and partners from business, government, law enforcement and academia that seeks to enhance the online safety and security of business communities by assisting governments and law enforcement agencies in the fight against cybercrime. With a membership network spanning many regions of the world, the ICSPA delivers its

mandate by acting as a bridge for the flow of resources and expertise from the private sector to governments and law enforcement authorities.

Notes to Editors:

About the ICSPA

The ICSPA is a business-backed, not-for-profit, global organisation that provides assistance to countries and their law enforcement agencies to fight cybercrime. Its Chair is the Rt Hon David Blunkett MP, one of the UK's most dedicated politicians, who held senior Cabinet positions in Tony Blair's Labour Government.

The Alliance is supported by its business members and partners - among them some of the world's top cyber security companies, including logistics companies, retailers, payment companies and fraud prevention specialists. The ICSPA's Steering Group comprises senior business leaders from its Enterprise Member companies including Atos, Lockheed Martin, McAfee, Symantec, Trend Micro and Visa Europe.

ICSPA Partners

In Europe, the ICSPA is partnered with Europol and the European Cyber Crime Centre (EC3) and the City of London Police and has professional associations with the Global Prosecutors E-crime Network, the International Association of Prosecutors and (ISC)² – which brings together more than 86,000 information security specialists.

The ICSPA is working with governments in the Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia to help ensure business engagement in the global response to fighting cyber criminality. In the summer of 2012, the Alliance launched Project 2020, a global study of emerging cyber threats undertaken in conjunction with Europol, and their recently established European Cybercrime Centre (EC3).

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