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## **UK develops global cyber security capacity, supported by the International Cyber Security Protection Alliance (ICSPA)**

ICSPA leads early development of framework to boost defences against cybercrime and security attacks around the world

LONDON – 13 March 2013 – The UK Government is creating a framework of global resources and expertise on cyber practice, which countries around the world will be able to draw on to tackle the range of cyber-threats and challenges. The framework will be developed by the International Cyber Security Protection Alliance (ICSPA), a business-backed, not-for-profit, global organisation that provides assistance to countries and their law enforcement agencies.

Commissioned by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the Cabinet Office, the ICSPA will also deliver a second project that will help the UK Government to identify common priorities among law enforcement agencies and the private sector in supporting countries that want to tackle online security and cybercrime.

Both projects are in support of the UK's new Centre for Global Cyber Security Capacity Building, which will be launched in April 2013.

They will help to identify the international resources available to fight cybercrime, pinpoint less widely-known sources of expertise on the subject, and most importantly spot where the gaps are. The work is designed to benefit both companies and consumers in the UK. "Online attacks and cyber criminals don't respect national borders. Helping countries with a strategy to fight cybercrime around the world will reduce the impact of attacks against UK-based companies and boost the huge benefits the Internet brings to our economies and societies," said John Lyons, the Chief Executive of the ICSPA.

"The international fight against cybercrime can only succeed if we all work at it together. Since our launch in July 2011, the ICSPA and its members and partners have been working hard to make this happen and now, with this UK Government initiative, we are beginning to see a more cohesive approach to an international problem. More and more companies, governments and law enforcement agencies recognize that by collaborating on cyber issues we can begin to establish a more resilient and globally meaningful approach to protecting our online communities," Mr Lyons said.



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## **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, McAfee, Symantec, Trend Micro and Visa Europe.

### **ICSPA Partners**

In Europe, the ICSPA is partnered with Europol and the City of London Police and has professional associations with the Global Prosecutors E-crime Network, the International Association of Prosecutors and (ISC)<sup>2</sup> – 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).

For more information visit [www.icspa.org](http://www.icspa.org)

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